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THE HEDGEHOG



MY FATHER HAS LOST SO MUCH DURING HIS LIFE. HIS KINGDOM, HIS FAMILY, AND NOW HE CAN'T EVEN WAKE UP... AFTER WE'VE SEEN SO MUCH LOSS, I CAN'T JUST LET HIM GO. DOCTOR QUACK SAYS THE MACHINE HE AND SIR CHARLES BUILT MIGHT BRING DAD OUT OF HIS COMA... BUT IT WOULD NEED A CHAOS EMERALD TO GIVE IT ENOUGH POWER.

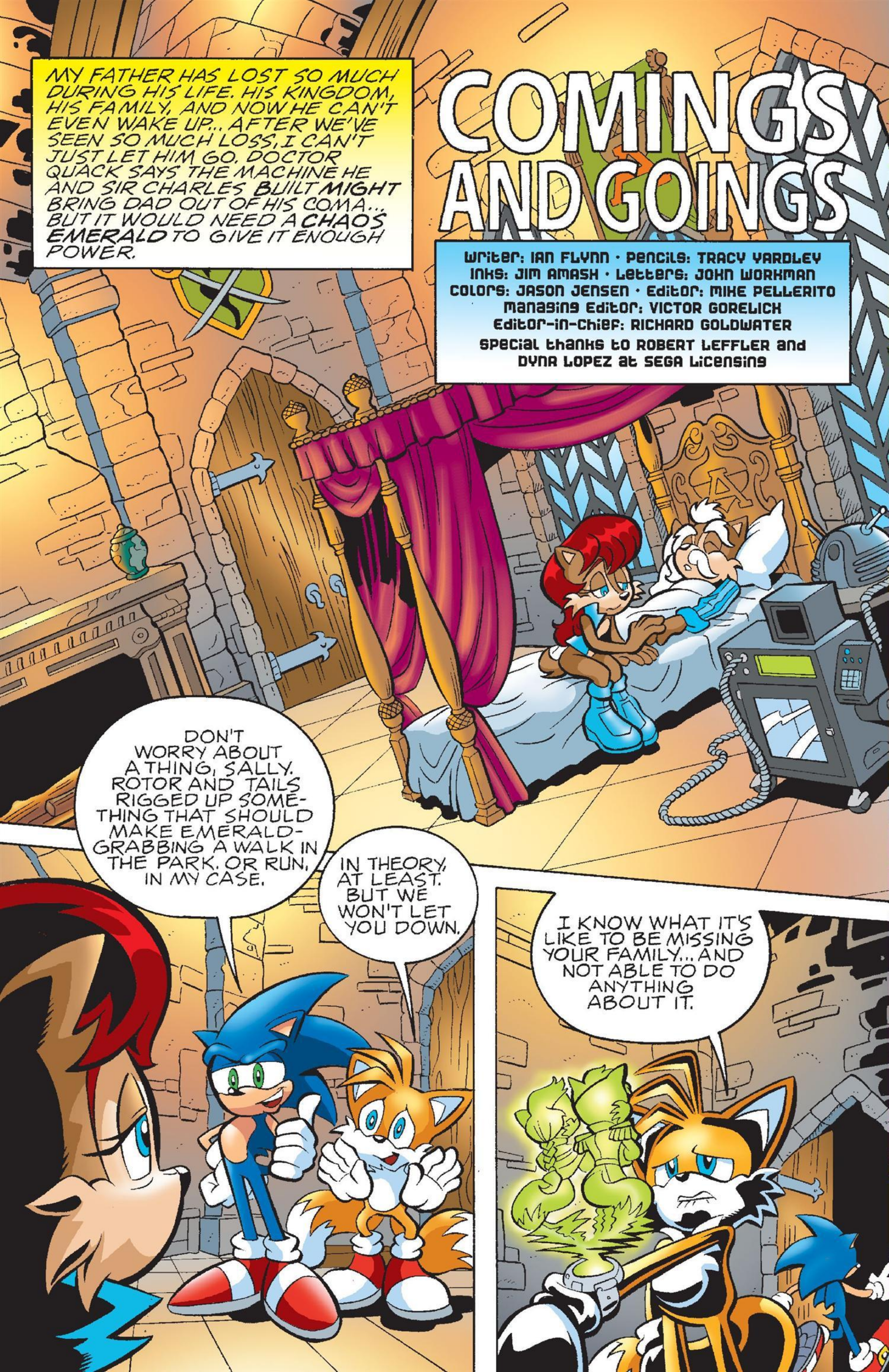
COMINGS AND GOINGS

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, SALLY. ROTOR AND TAILS RIGGED UP SOMETHING THAT SHOULD MAKE EMERALD-GRABBING A WALK IN THE PARK. OR RUN, IN MY CASE.

IN THEORY, AT LEAST. BUT WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE MISSING YOUR FAMILY... AND NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

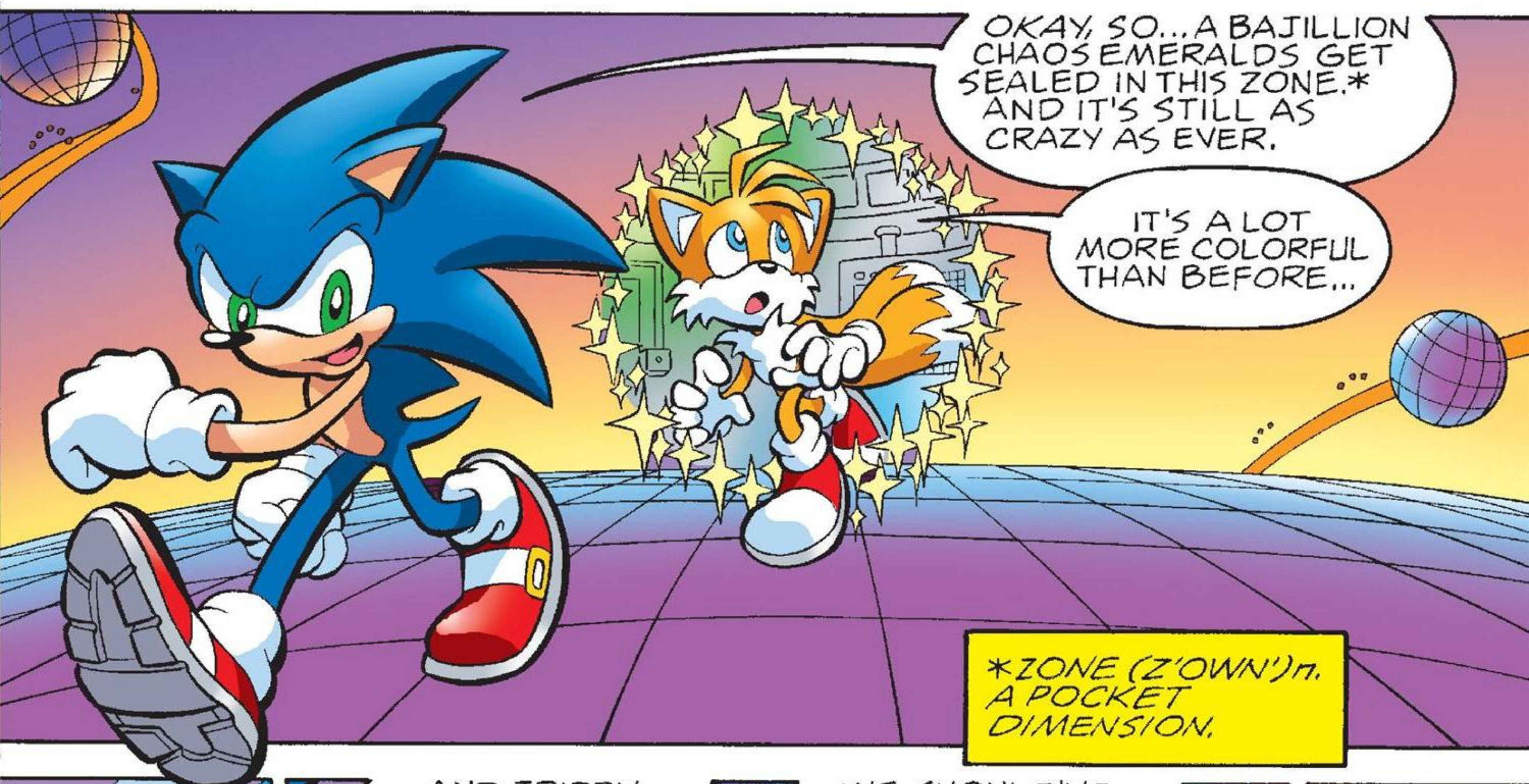


LATER, AT THE
BRAIN TRUST LAB...

SO YOU'RE SURE
THESE *STAR POSTS*
WILL GET US WHERE
WE NEED TO BE,
ROTOR?

AS SURE
AS I CAN BE,
SONIC.

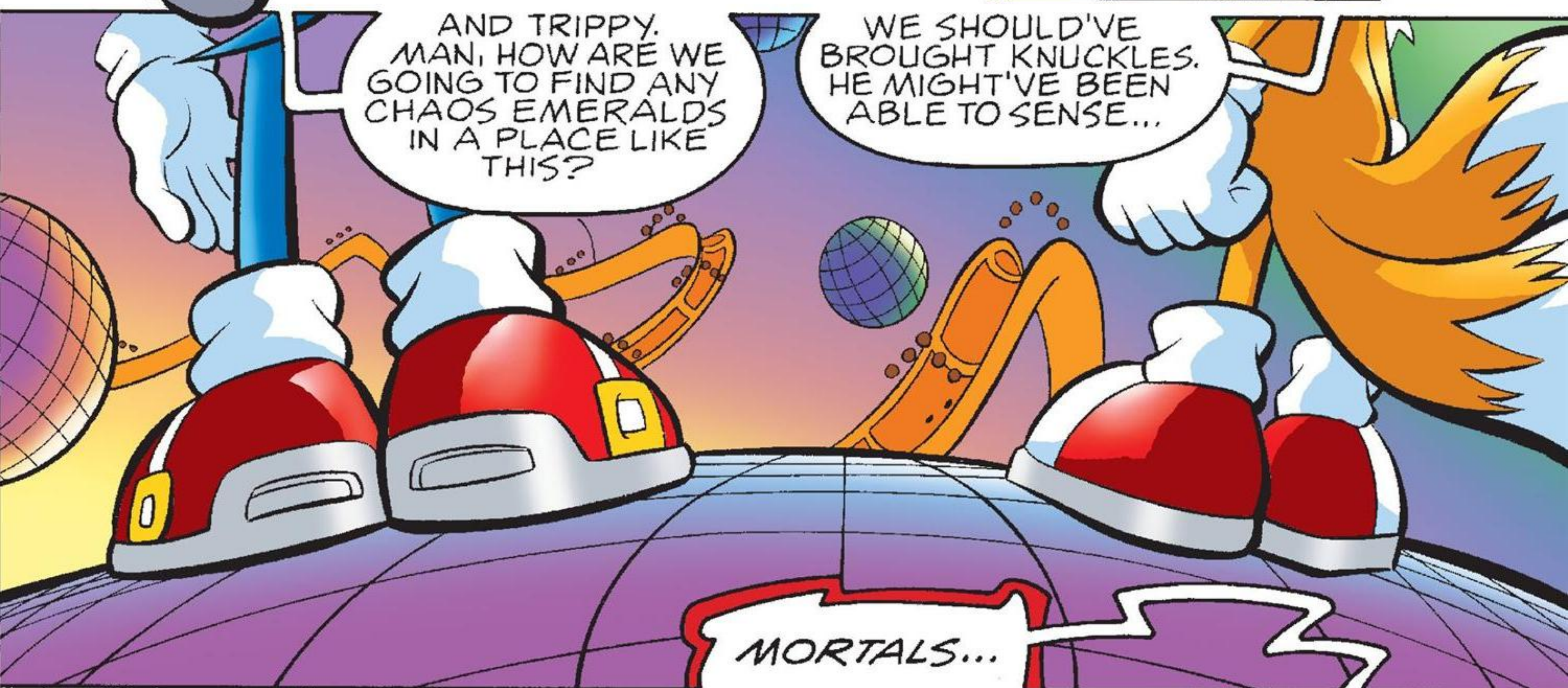
THAT
WORKS
FOR ME.
LET'S GO,
TAILS!



OKAY, SO... A BAJILLION
CHAOS EMERALDS GET
SEALED IN THIS ZONE.*
AND IT'S STILL AS
CRAZY AS EVER.

IT'S A LOT
MORE COLORFUL
THAN BEFORE...

*ZONE (Z'OWN')n.
A POCKET
DIMENSION.



AND TRIPPY.
MAN, HOW ARE WE
GOING TO FIND ANY
CHAOS EMERALDS
IN A PLACE LIKE
THIS?

WE SHOULD'VE
BROUGHT KNUCKLES.
HE MIGHT'VE BEEN
ABLE TO SENSE...

MORTALS...



...YOU
SHALL BE
JUDGED
BY
FEIST.

SONIC!
WHAT IS
...?!

I REMEMBER
THIS DUDE FROM
A LONG WHILE
BACK. * GET
READY TO RUN,
BUDDY.

FEAR
NOT, FOR
I JUDGE
IN FAVOR
OF THEE.

*SEE THE ADVENTURE
WAY BACK IN STH #43!

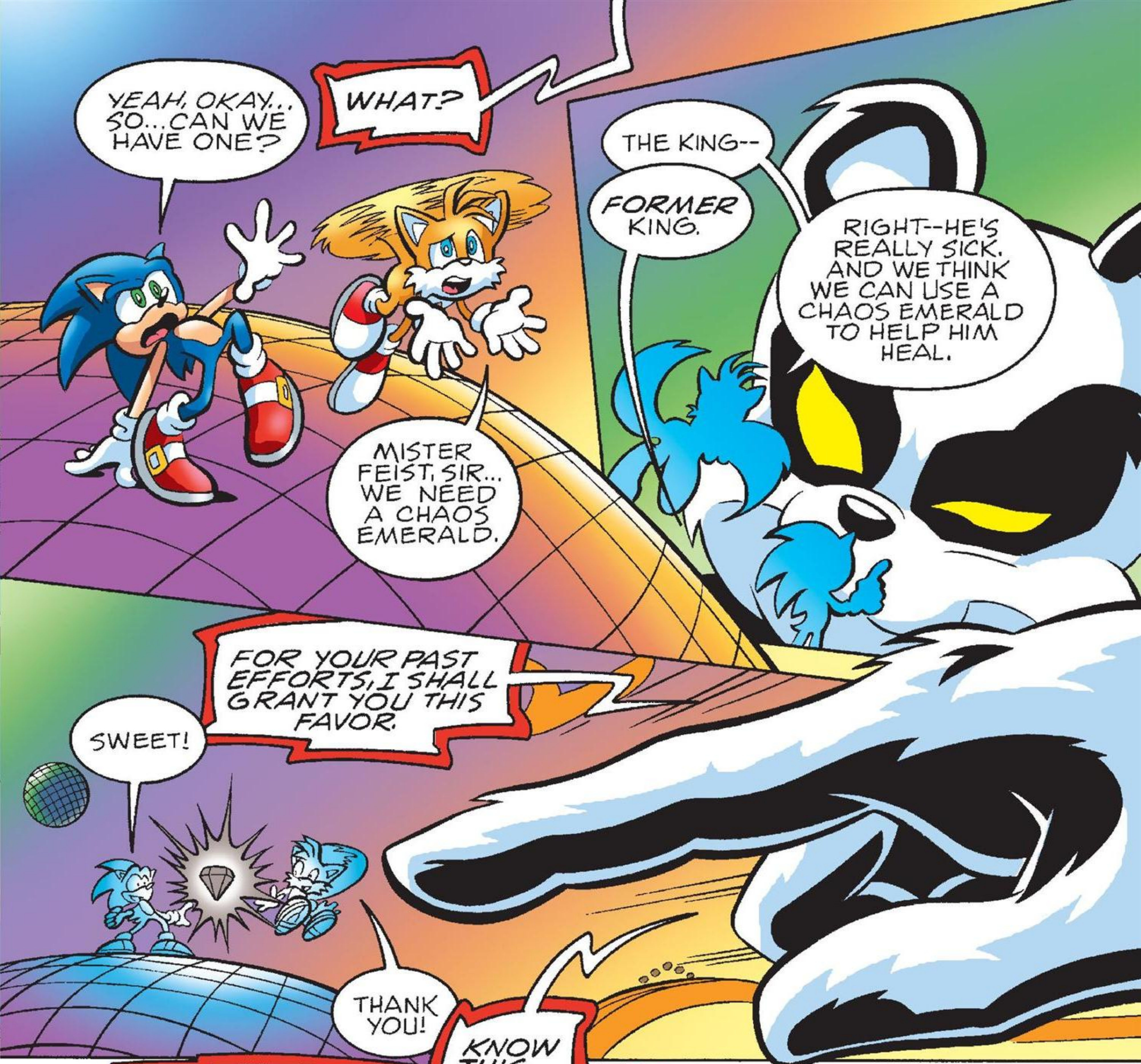
...OH,
REALLY
?

YES, TRULY.
ON MANY
OCCASIONS, I
HAVE SEEN YOU
COMBAT MY
FORMER MASTER
IXIS NAUGUS. AND
IT WAS YOU,
CHOSEN ONE, WHO
SENT THE CHAOS
EMERALDS INTO
THIS ZONE, GIVING
ME MY POWER.

WAS THAT
A GOOD
THING?

SSHH! WHAT
HAPPENED TO
THE CHAOS
EMERALDS?

I SHAPED THEIR POWER
AND GAVE THEM FORM.
THERE ARE NOW SEVEN
CHAOS EMERALDS.
WITH THEIR POWER,
I MAY SHAPE AND
RESHAPE THIS PLACE.



YEAH, OKAY...
SO... CAN WE
HAVE ONE?

WHAT?

THE KING--
FORMER
KING.

RIGHT--HE'S
REALLY SICK.
AND WE THINK
WE CAN USE A
CHAOS EMERALD
TO HELP HIM
HEAL.

MISTER
FEIST, SIR...
WE NEED
A CHAOS
EMERALD.

FOR YOUR PAST
EFFORTS, I SHALL
GRANT YOU THIS
FAVOR.

SWEET!

THANK
YOU!

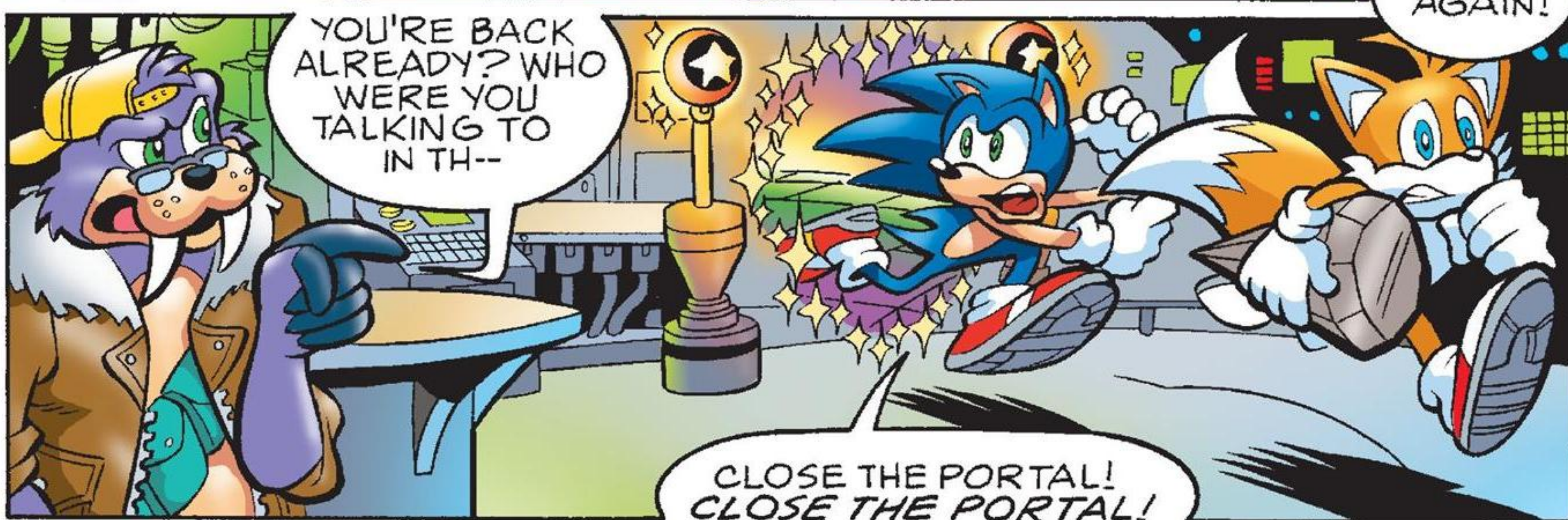
KNOW
THIS--

I SHALL NOT GRANT ANOTHER
CHAOS EMERALD SO EASILY. NEXT
TIME, YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED
AS I SEE FIT...

RIGHT,
GOT IT.

MOVE IT,
TAILS.

THANKS
AGAIN!



YOU'RE BACK
ALREADY? WHO
WERE YOU
TALKING TO
IN TH--

CLOSE THE PORTAL!
CLOSE THE PORTAL!

SHORTLY AFTER, AT CASTLE ACORN...

ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS WILL WORK, DOCTOR QUACK?

LADY ALICIA, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST ME.

HOW'S THE FOCUSING CHAMBER?

BETWEEN MY PLANS, SIR CHARLES' EXPERIENCE WITH STRANGE MECHANICAL/MEDICAL MEANS, AND YOUNG PROWER'S GENIUS, THIS SHOULD GO FINE.

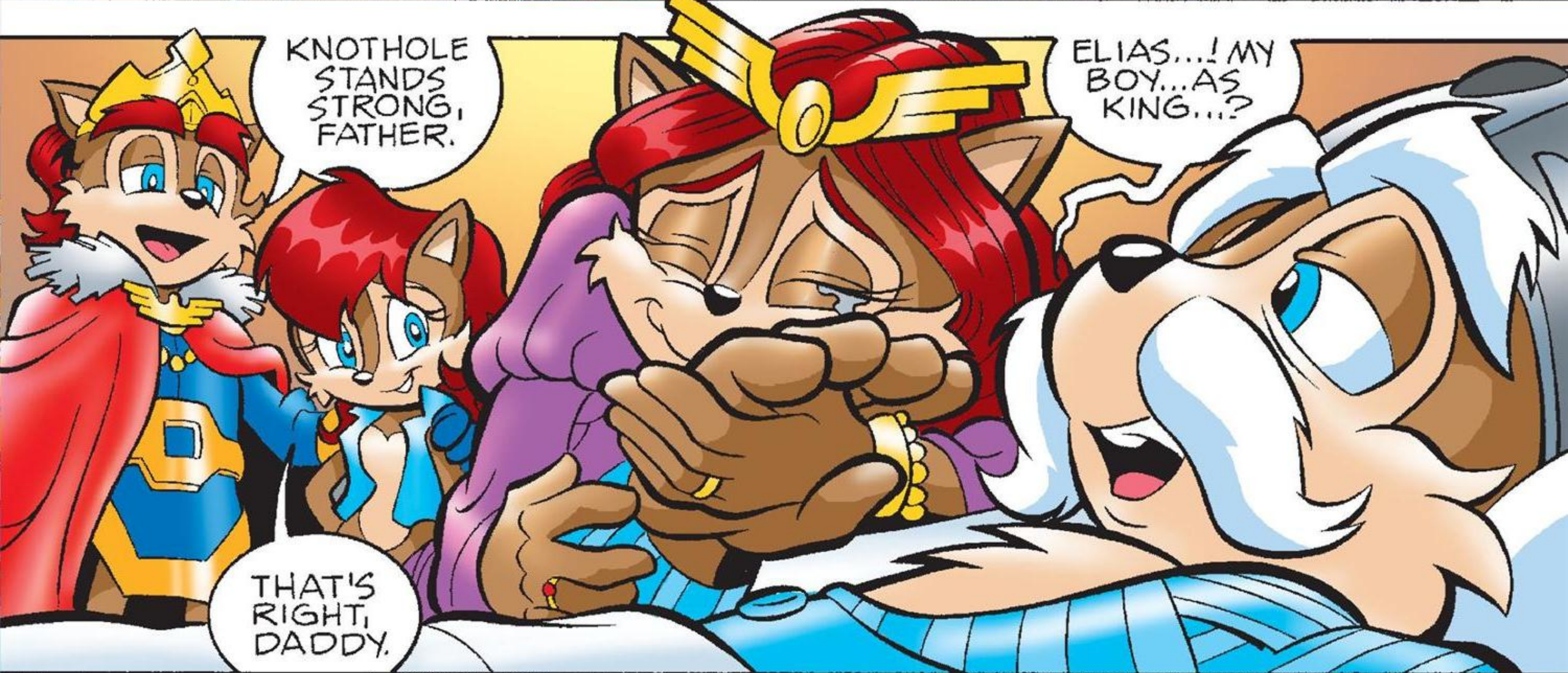
HEATING UP FAST, BUT OKAY.

THROW THE SWITCH, CHUCK.

...A-ALICIA ...?

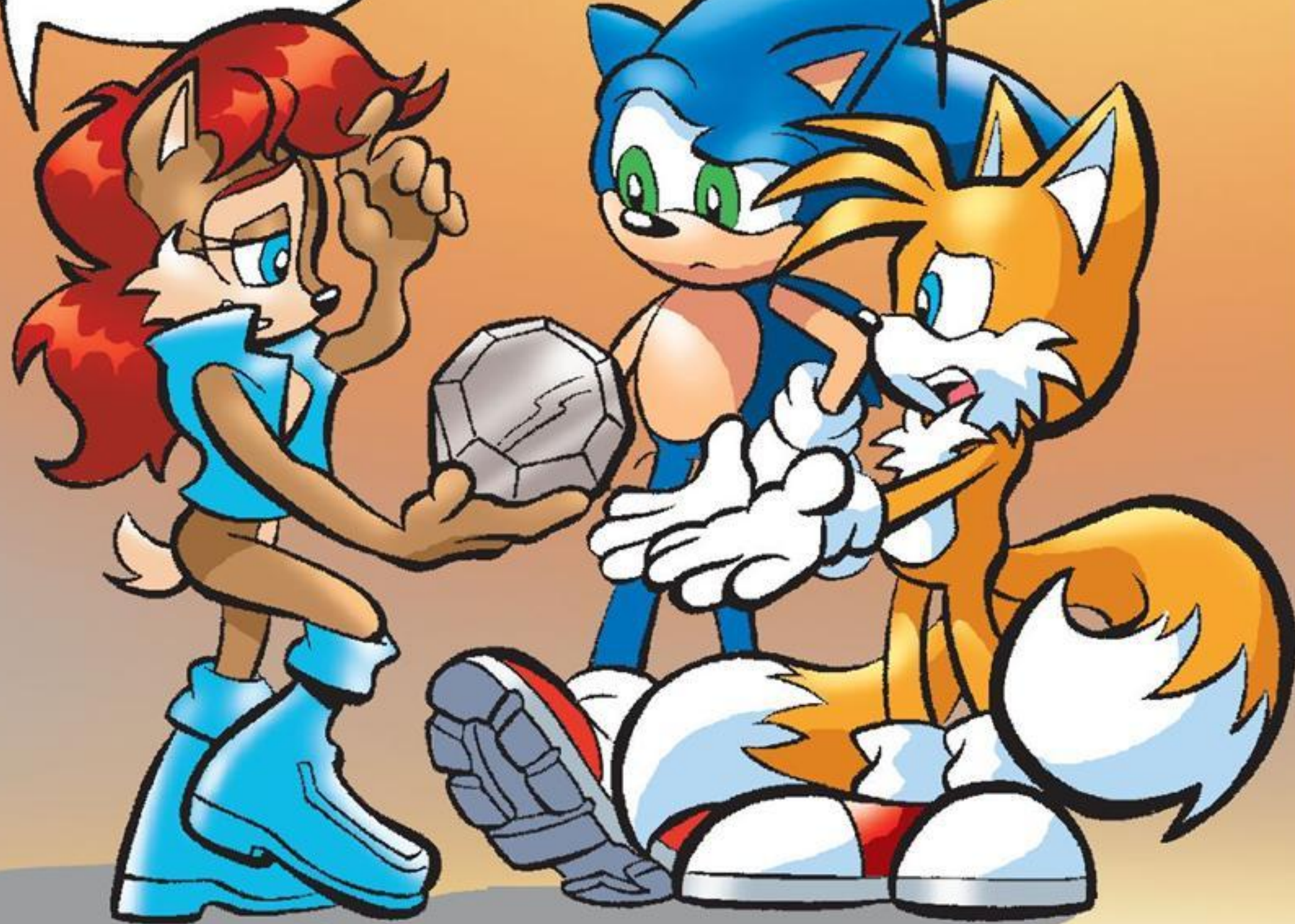
I'M HERE, MAX.

WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.



I'M SORRY, GUYS! I NEARLY FORGOT...YOUR UNCLE WANTED YOU TO BRING THIS, ONCE WE WERE DONE WITH IT, TAILS.

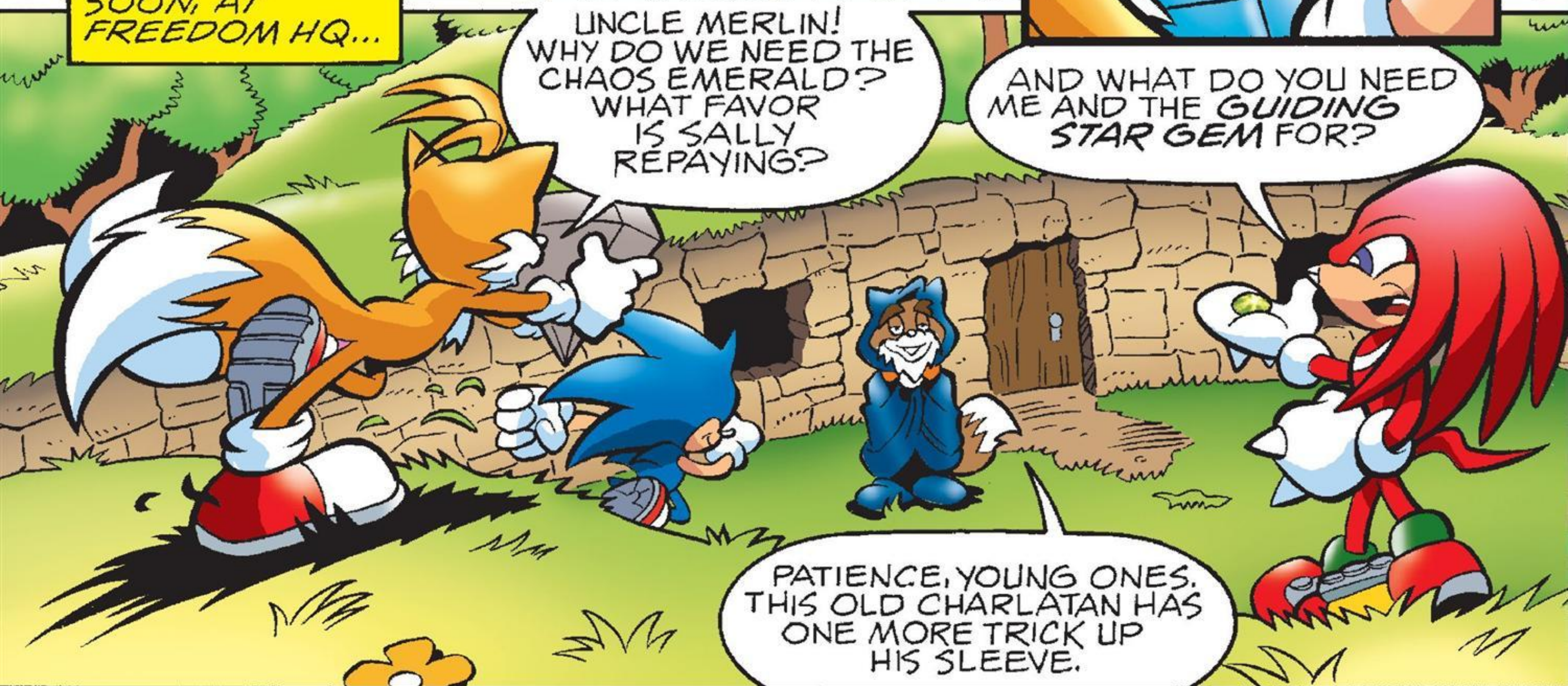
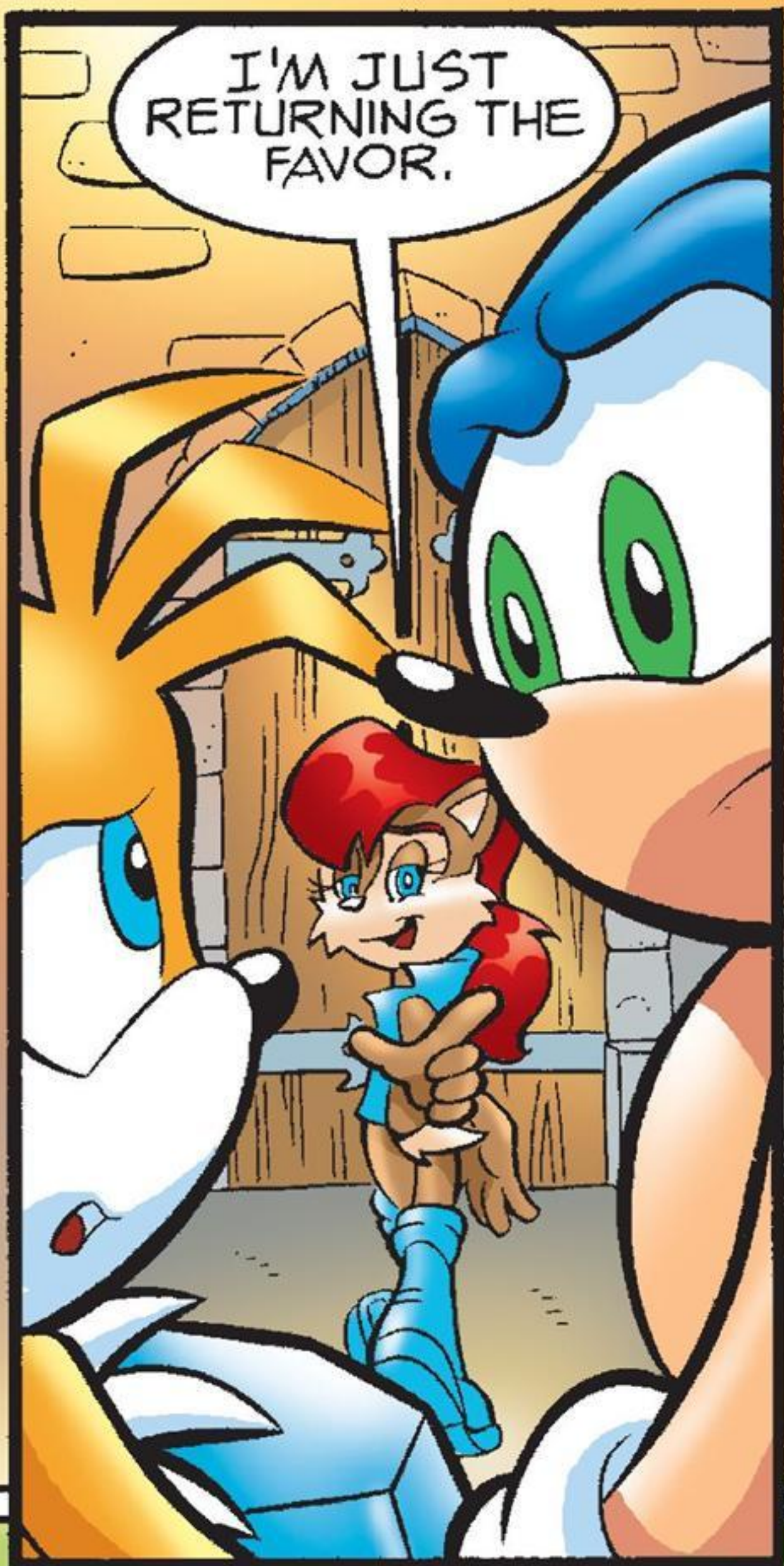
UNCLE MERLIN? BUT WHY?



SOON, AT FREEDOM HQ...

UNCLE MERLIN! WHY DO WE NEED THE CHAOS EMERALD? WHAT FAVOR IS SALLY REPAYING?

AND WHAT DO YOU NEED ME AND THE **GUIDING STAR GEM** FOR?



PATIENCE, YOUNG ONES. THIS OLD CHARLATAN HAS ONE MORE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.

NAMELY, I'M GOING TO MAKE TAILS' PARENTS REAPPEAR.

MOM AND DAD ARE COMING BACK?!

ALL WE NEED IS SOMETHING TO OPEN A PATH TO THE RING WORLD OF ARGENTUM AND SOMETHING TO POWER SUCH AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.

HEY, THE **GUIDING STAR GEM** MAKES PORTALS TO DISTANT LANDS, SO... OH, WAIT, I GET IT.



KNUCKLES, GUIDE THE ENERGIES FOR US, TAILS, REACH OUT WITH YOUR HEART AND FIND THEM. I WILL HELP KEEP US INTACT. SONIC... HOLD ON TO SOMETHING.

YEAH, YEAH, WISH I KNEW WHERE MY GIRL FIONA WAS, SHE MIGHT'VE ENJOYED THIS.

FWASH!

FWASH!

HOLY--THIS IS NOT HOW I LEFT THIS PLACE!*

*SONIC WAS LAST ON ARGENTUM IN STH # 129.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

...OH, NO...

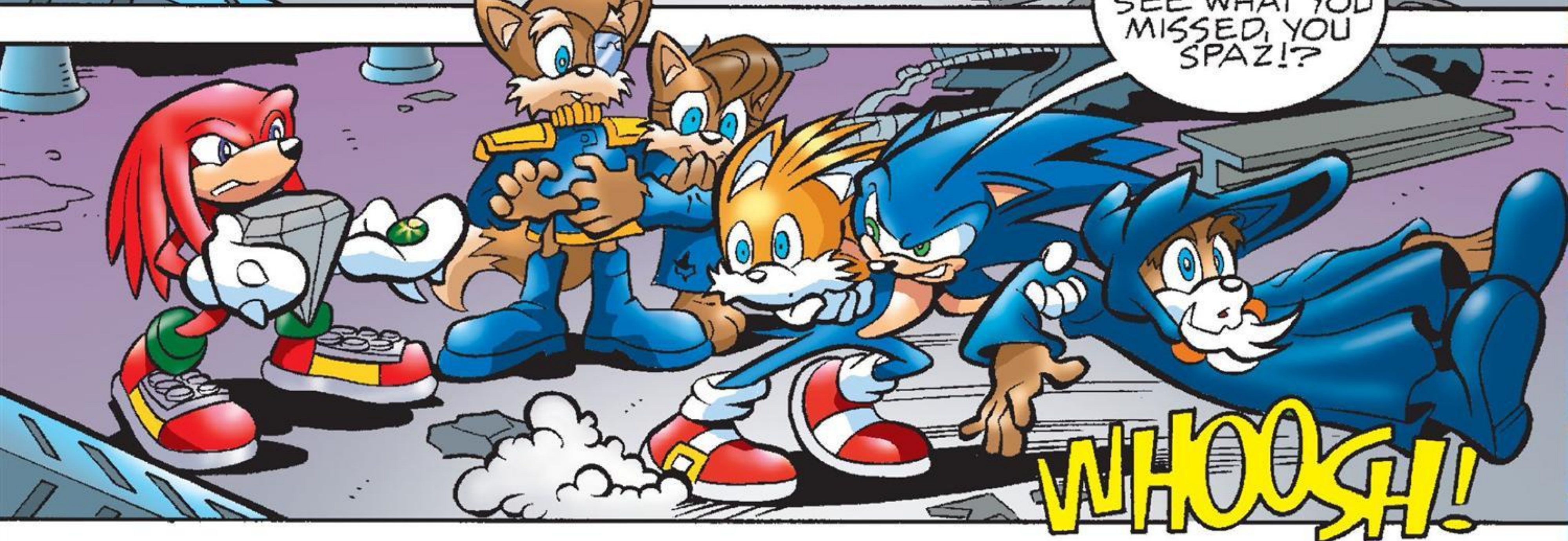
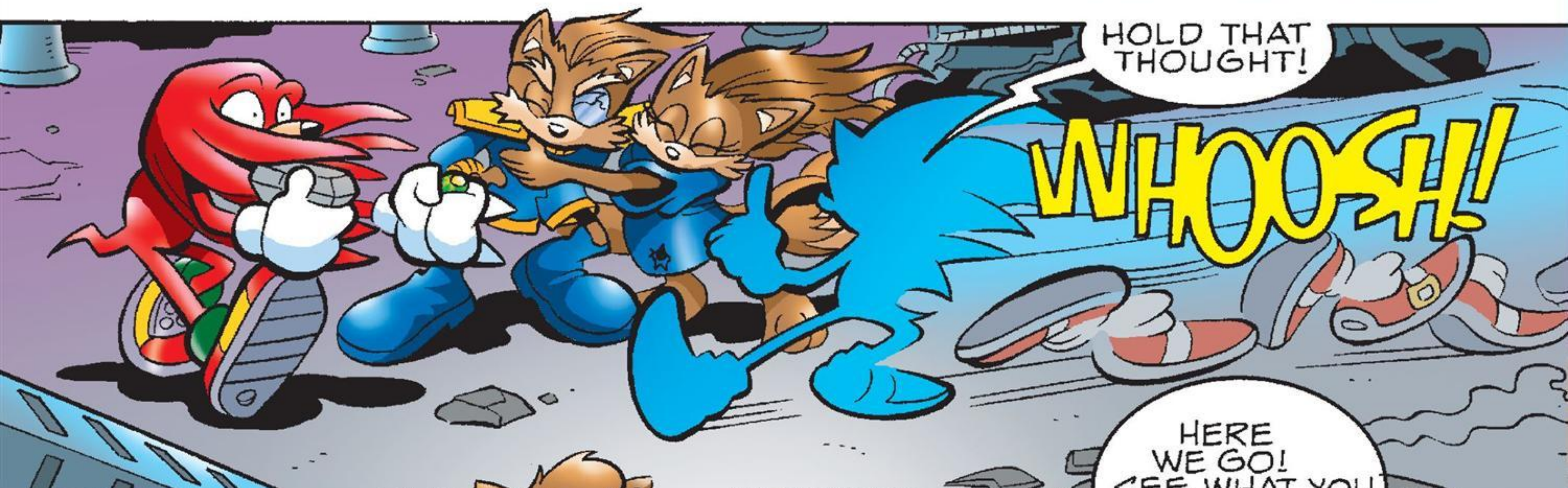
MOM!!! DAD!!!

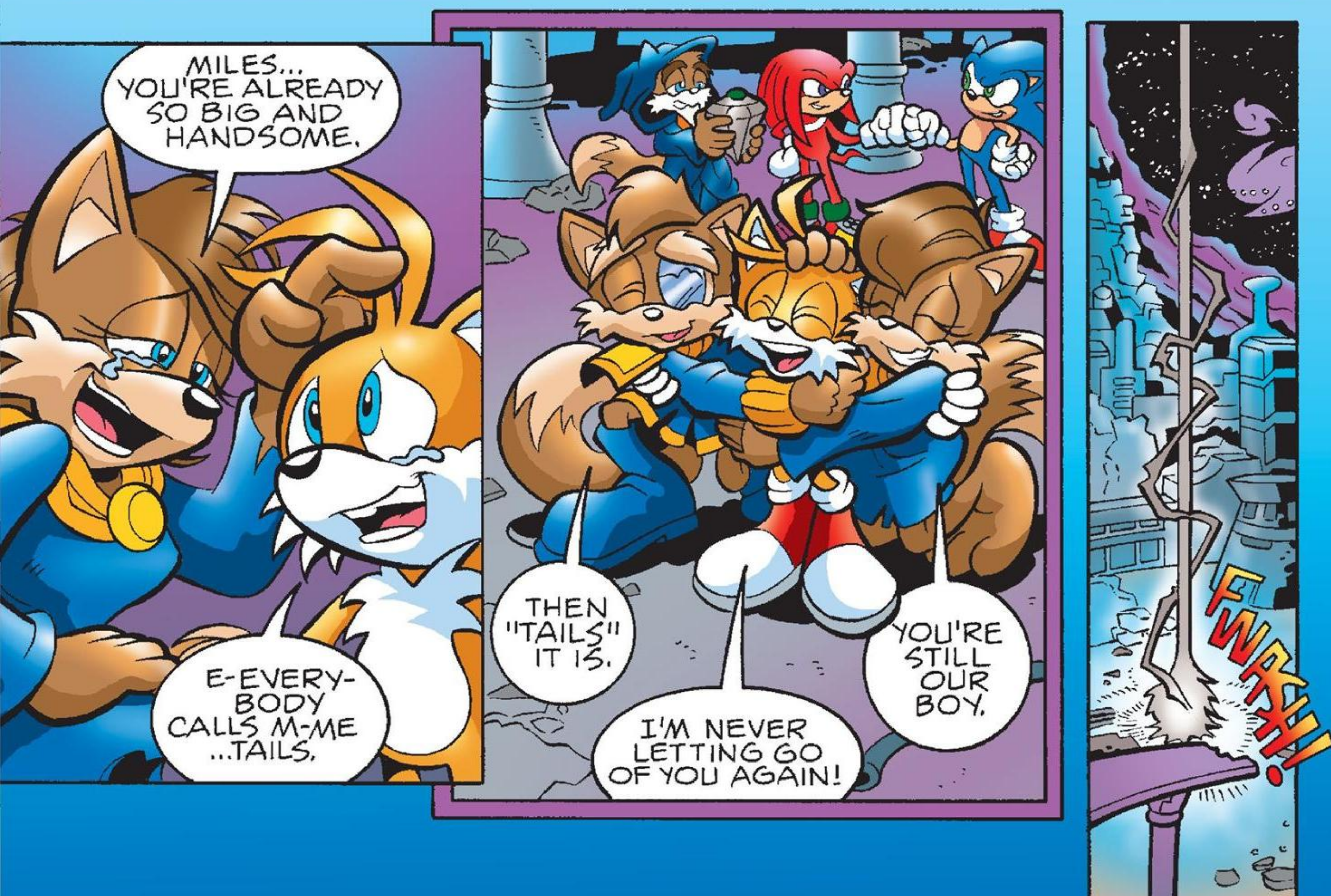
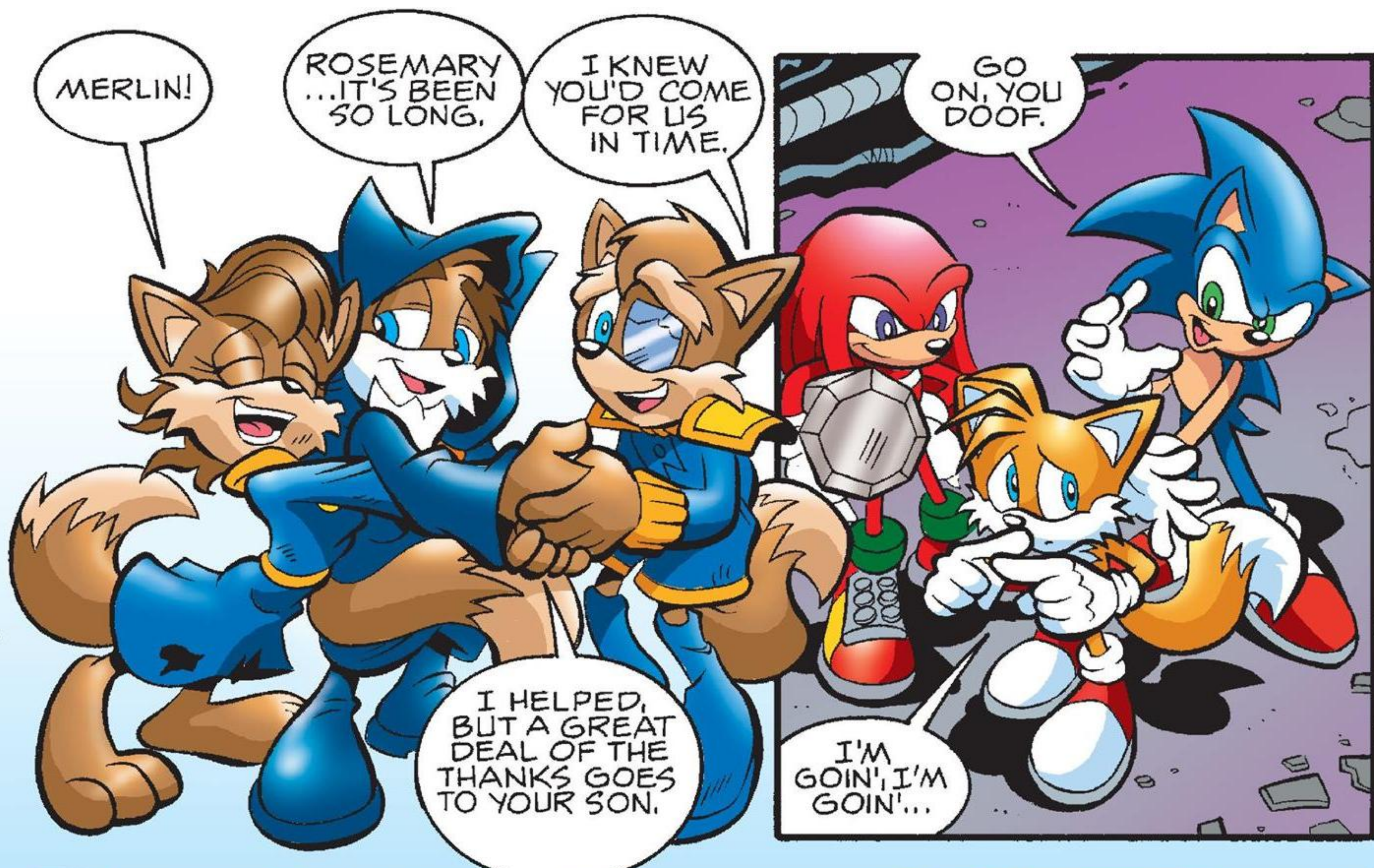
TAILS! WAIT!

**ALIENS THAT HAVE TRIED TO DESTROY MOBIUS--TWICE!

OOOOH SNAP. KNUCKLES, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE SPACESHIPS?

THE XORDA. **





LATER... AT
CASTLE
ACORN...

GENERAL
AND LADY PROWER!
ON BEHALF OF THE
KINGDOM OF
KNOTHOLE, I
WELCOME YOU
HOME!

THE
PLEASURE IS
OURS, YOUR
MAJESTY.

SO MUCH
HAS CHANGED
SINCE ROSEMARY
AND I WERE
RESCUED BY
THE BEM.

I WILL
UNDERSTAND
IF IT TAKES YOU
AND YOUR WIFE
SOME TIME TO
GET ADJUSTED,
GENERAL
AMADEUS.

THANK
YOU, SIRE,
BUT I
DOUBT IT
WILL TAKE
LONG.

WE'RE VERY
ENCOURAGED
TO FIND KNOT-
HOLE HAS GROWN
TO BE SUCH A
PROSPEROUS PLACE.
AND THAT YOU
HAVE BECOME
KING.

YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW HAPPY
I AM TO HEAR SUCH
PRAISE. WILL YOU
CONSIDER JOINING
MY COURT OF ACORN
AND BUILD AN
EVER-BETTER
KNOTHOLE?

THERE'S NO
NEED TO CONSIDER,
SIRE. I DEFINITELY
WANT TO BE PART OF
KNOTHOLE'S
FUTURE.

OUR TIME ABROAD
HAS EXPOSED ME TO
MANY NEW AND
WONDERFUL IDEAS.
I HOPE TO SHARE
THEM WITH THE
KINGDOM SOON.

MEANWHILE
--THE
KNOTHOLE
CEMETERY.

TOMMY
TURTLE

SIR
CONNERY

THERE
YOU ARE. I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU ALL DAY,
GIRL.

SORRY
TO DISAPPOINT,
TRUE BLUE.

AH, WELL,
IT'S WHAT I'VE
COME TO
EXPECT FROM
YOU, RAD
RED.

STILL
HAVEN'T
SEEN
FIONA?

NOPE.

I CAN SEE
WHY THIS IS
A TERRIBLE
SPOT FOR
A DATE.

OH, YEAH?
SEEMS RIGHT UP
JULIE-SU'S
ALLEY.

YOU LEAVE
MY GIRL OUT
OF THIS.

WHY ARE YOU OUT
HERE? IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU TO BE SO
MORBID.

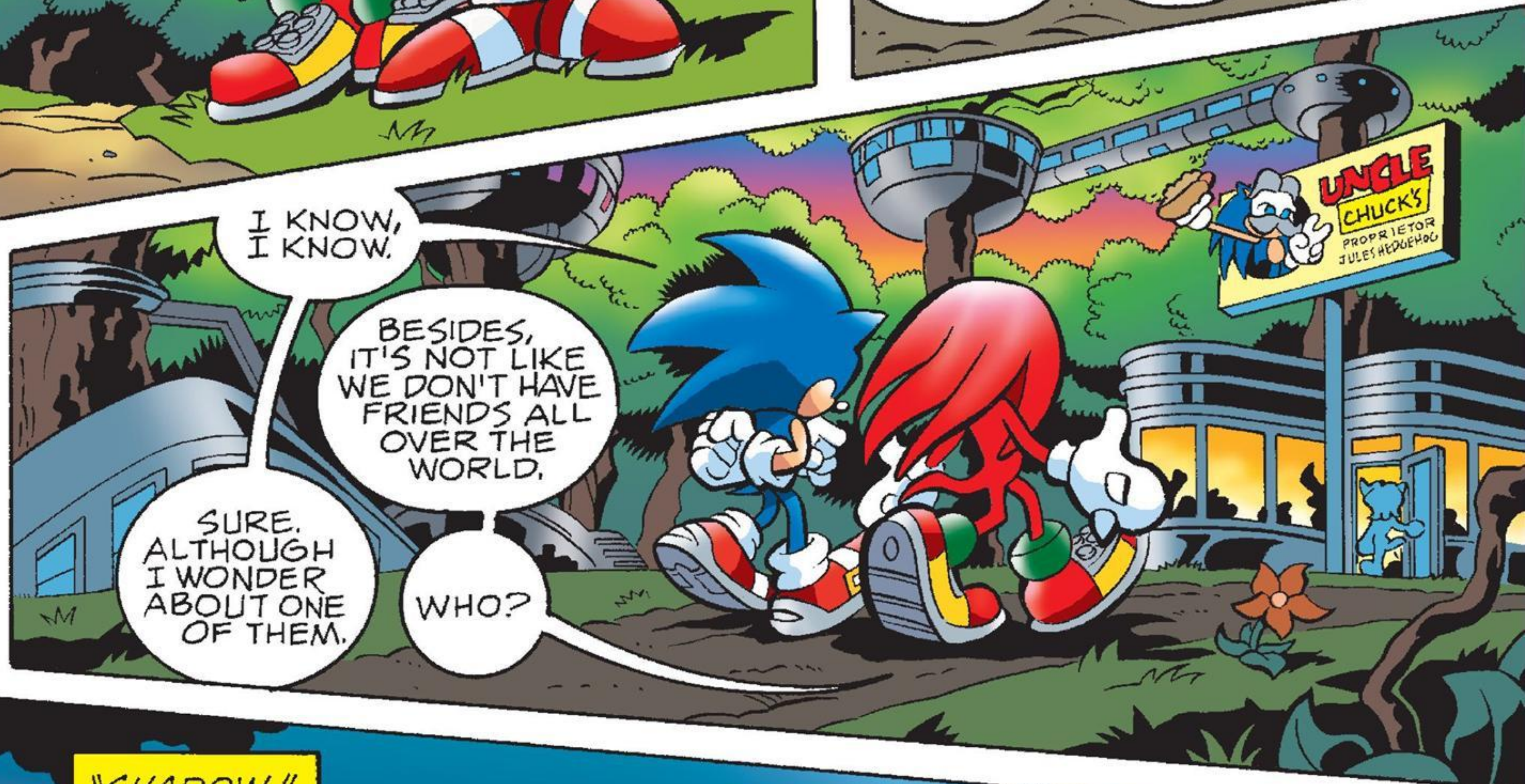
I'M STILL
HURTIN' OVER
TOMMY
AND SIR
CONNERY.

WE DON'T
USUALLY LOSE
SO MANY
SO FAST.

RIGHT. LIKE ALL
MY FOREFATHERS
IN THE BROTHER-
HOOD.*

THEM, TOO. AND
WITH THE RISE IN
THE VILLAIN-COUNT,
THINGS MIGHT
GET EVEN
WORSE.

*WE FOUND OUT THEY
WENT MISSING IN STH # 139.



"SHADOW."



"I THINK HE'S
CONFUSED."

"...AND ONCE HE
GETS THINGS
FIGURED OUT..."

"...HE'LL DO THE
RIGHT THING."

DOCTOR
EGGMAN!

SHADOW?
WHAT
IS IT?

YOU'VE
KEPT
PROFESSOR
GERALD'S
DIARY A
SECRET!
IT HAS THE
ANSWERS I
NEED. YOU
WILL GIVE
IT TO ME.
NOW!

COME BACK TO US
FOR *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* #171
WHEN SHADOW CAN FINALLY ANSWER
THE QUESTION OF WHO **"I AM!"**

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC STRIP!



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THE HEDGEHOG

IN OFF PANEL

AND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE
RING OF SONIC COMIC BOOKS

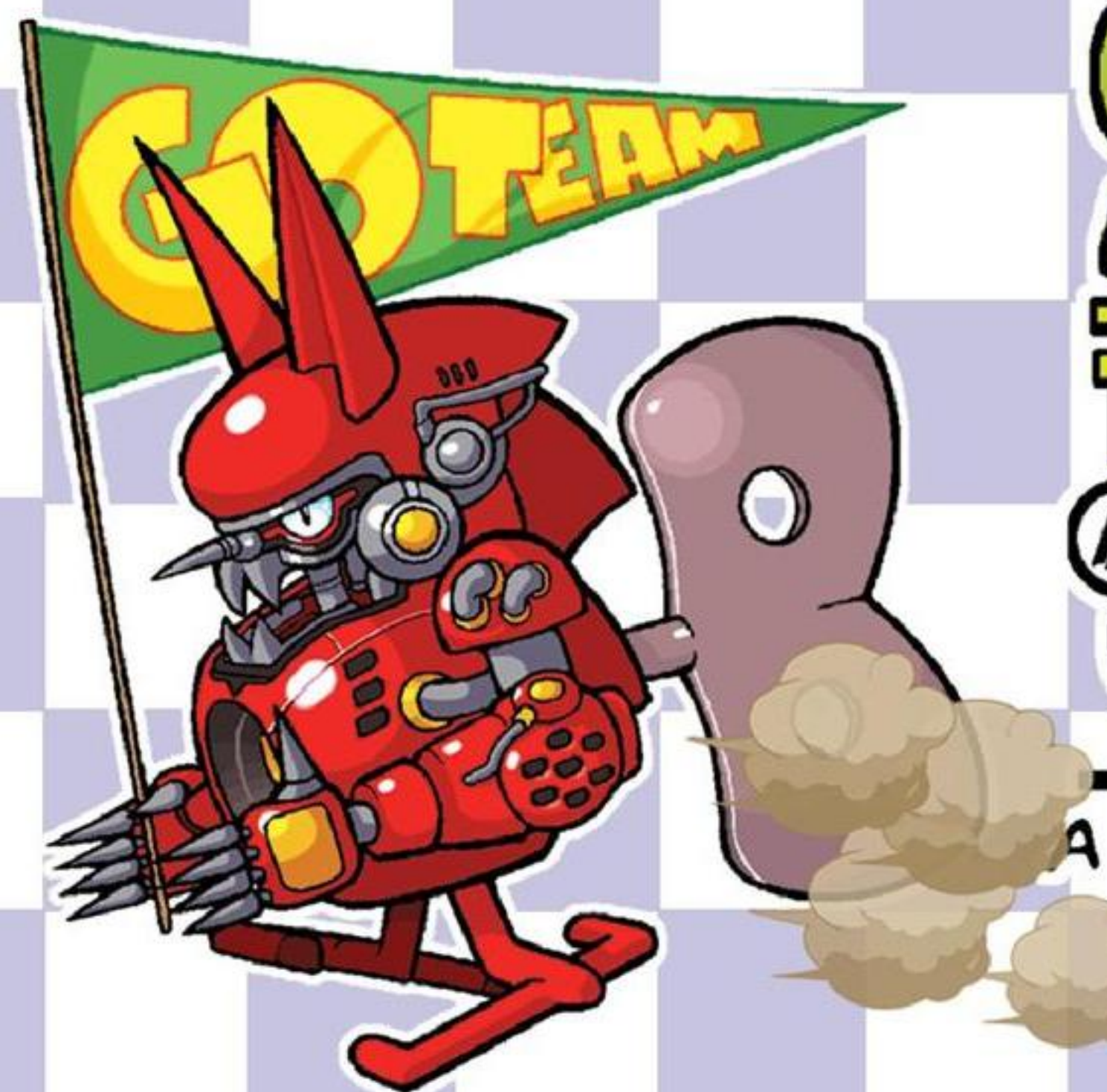
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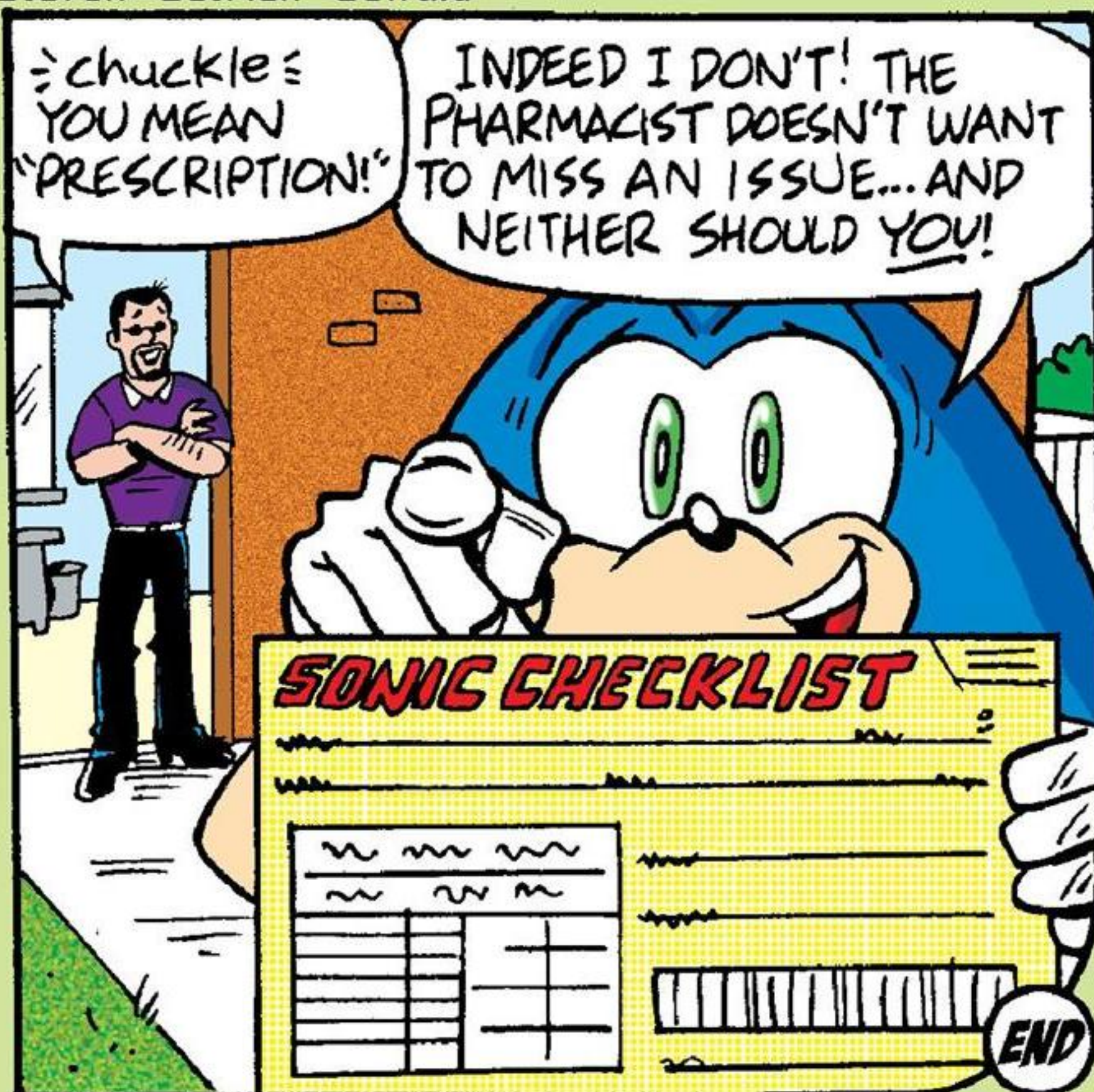
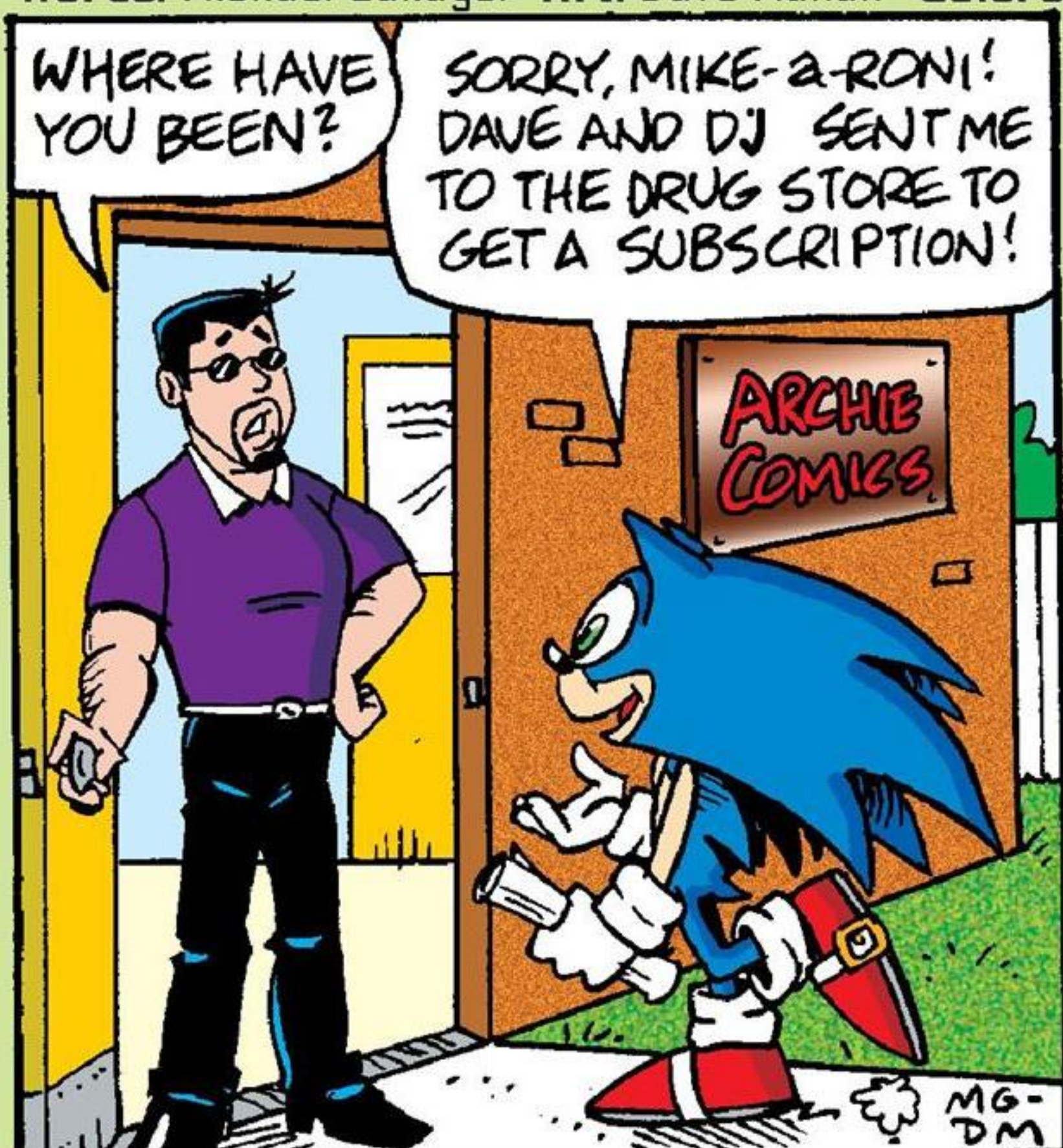
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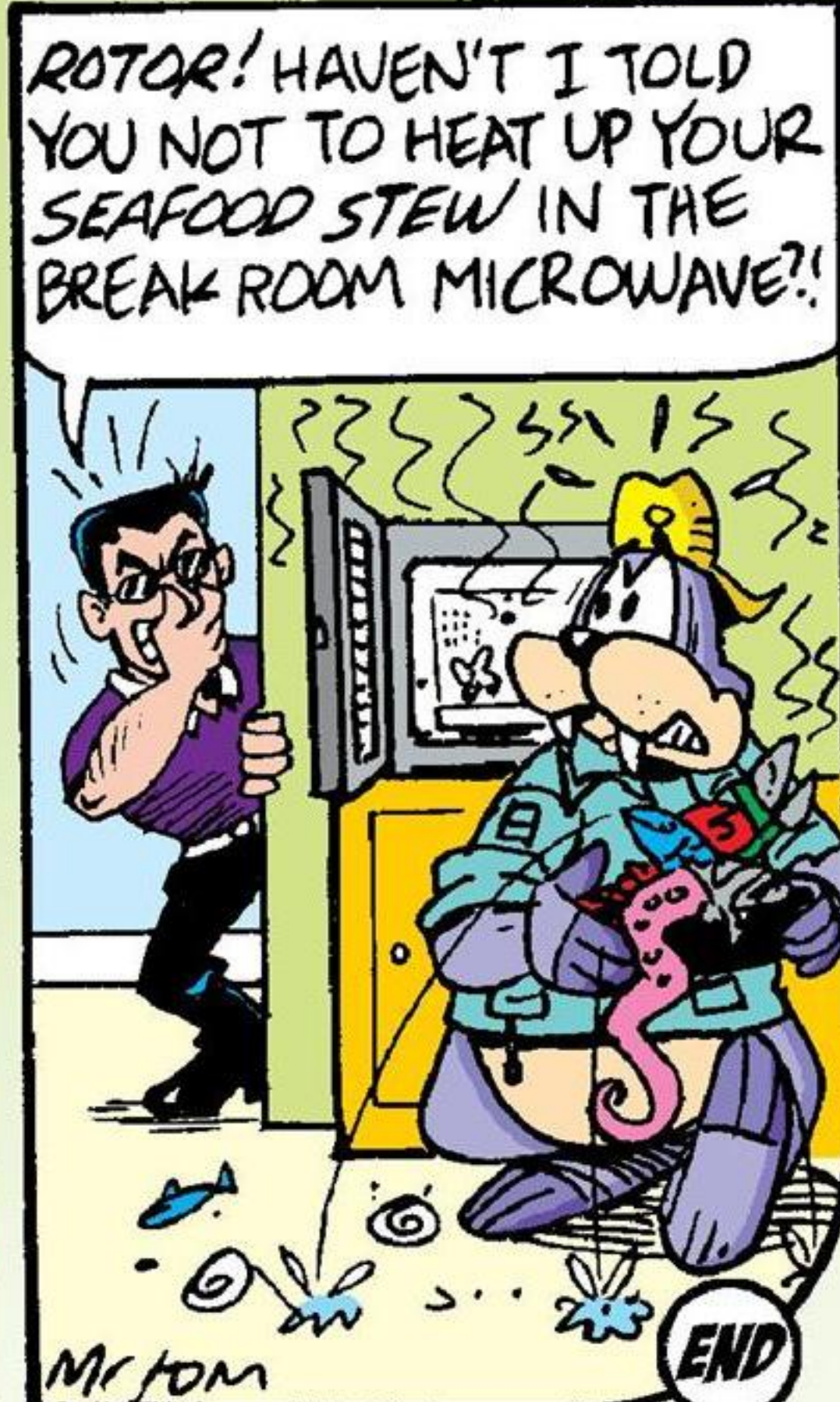
IN OFF PANEL

A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE MAKING OF SONIC COMIC BOOKS

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IN

THE ISLAND OF MISFIT BADNIKS!

THIS IS MY FIRST DAY OFF IN A LONG TIME! I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A TRIP TO THE GREAT FOREST WHERE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS STARTED OUT!

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MAN, THIS SURE IS NOSTALG-AAAAHH!

KRIK!

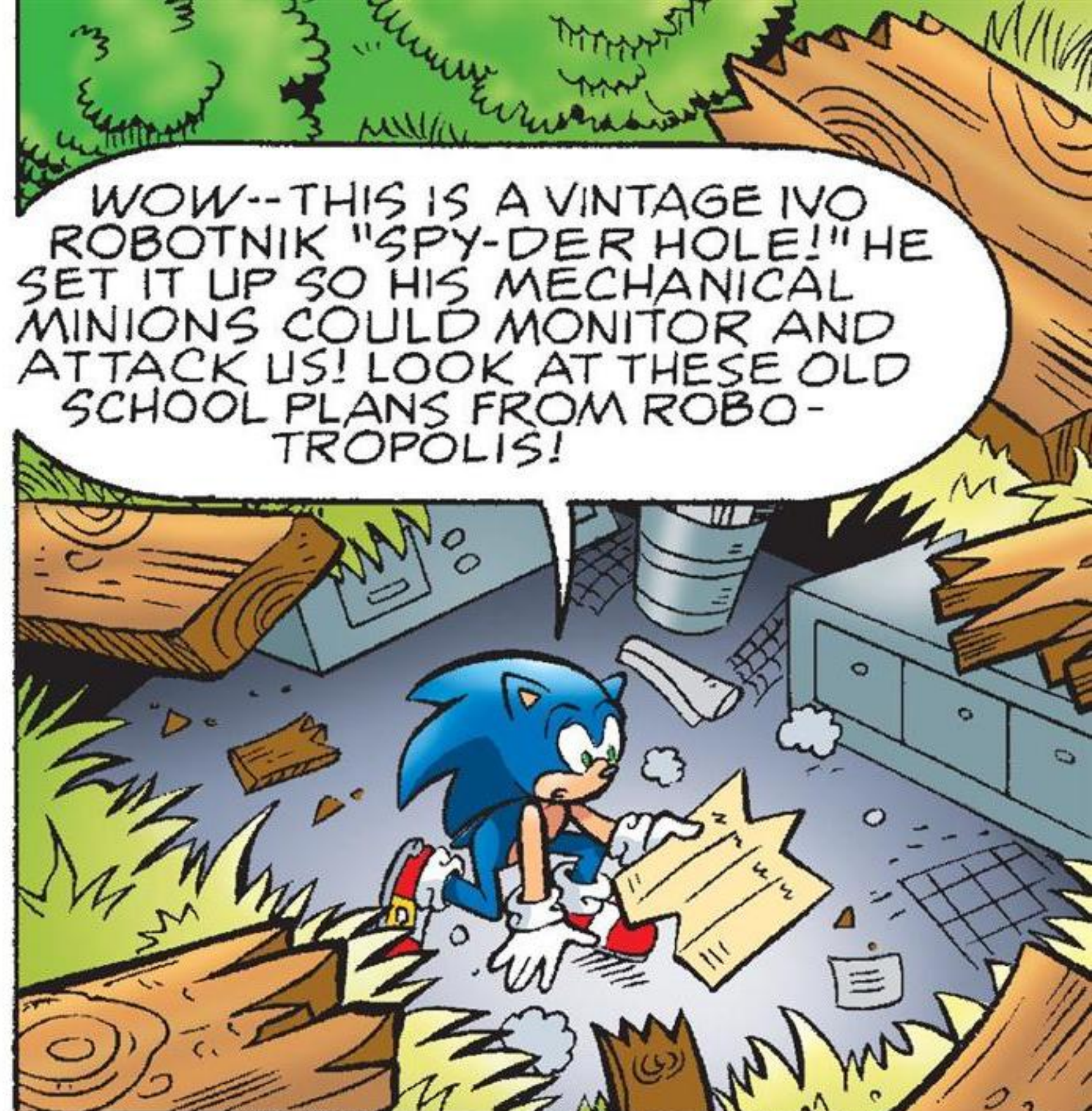
--AAAAAHHHHH!!!

SNAP!

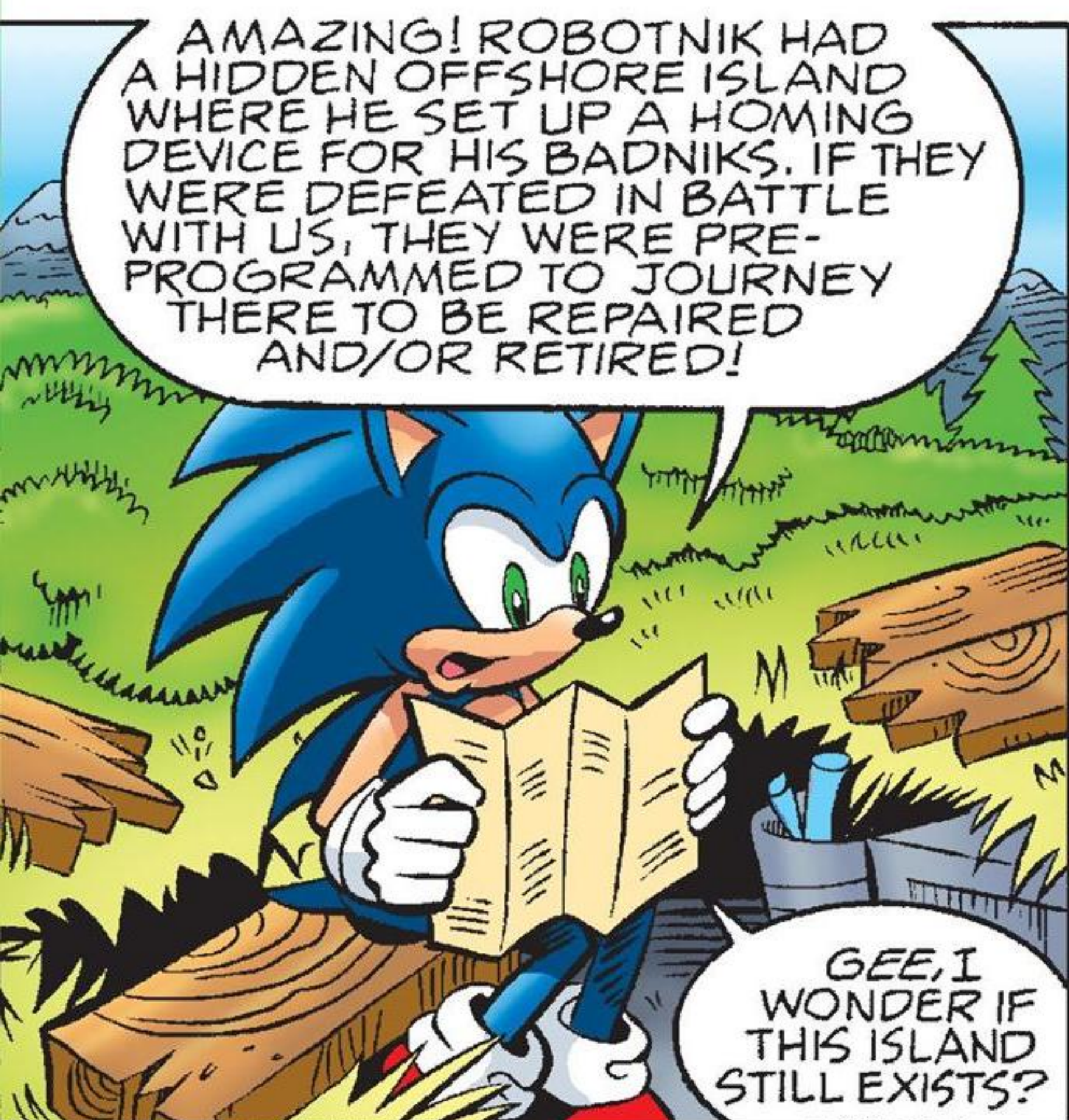
CRACK!



WHAT HAVE I
STUMBLERD ONTO...OR
INTO...OR BOTH?

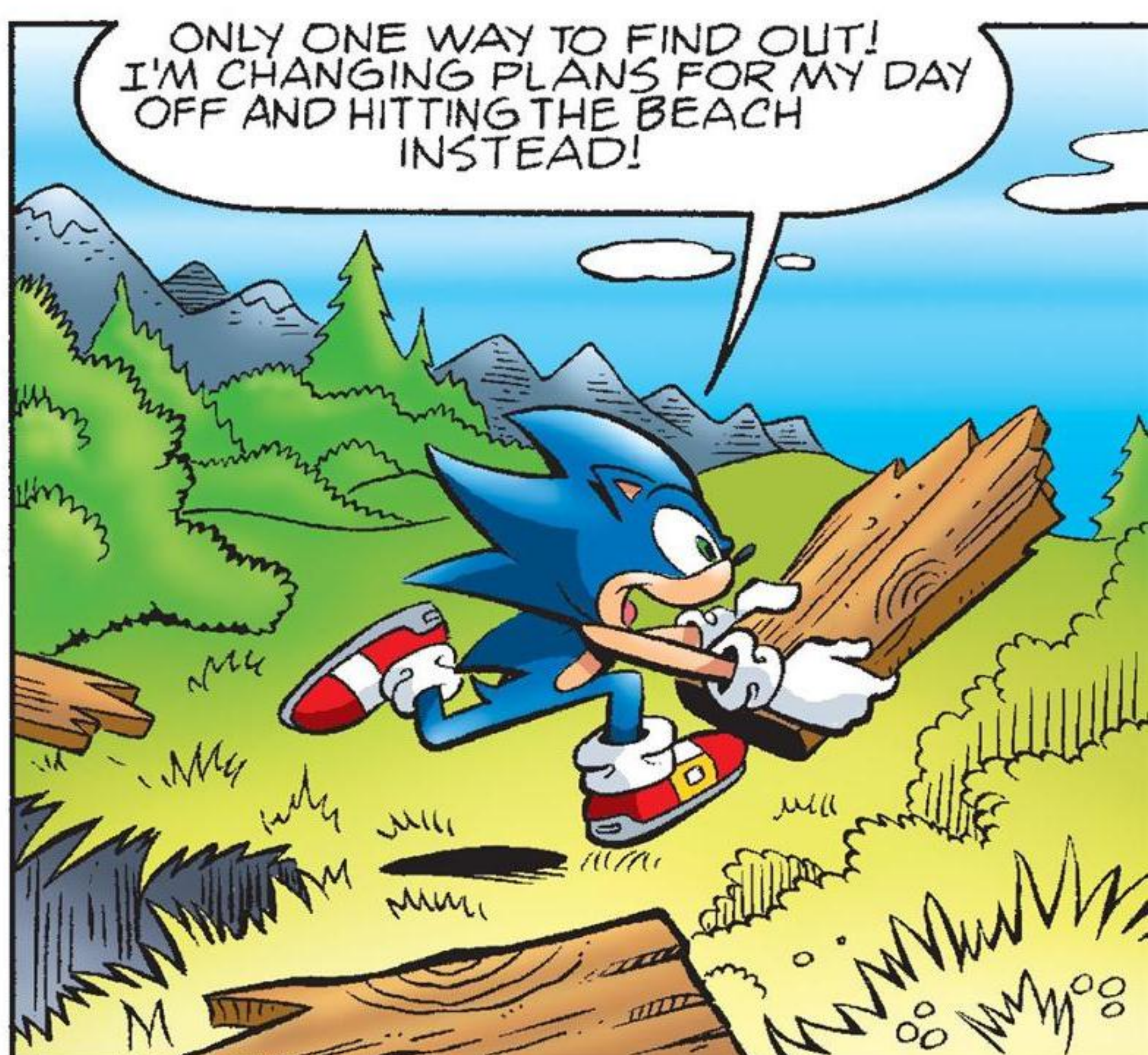


WOW--THIS IS A VINTAGE IVO
ROBOTNIK "SPY-DER HOLE!" HE
SET IT UP SO HIS MECHANICAL
MINIONS COULD MONITOR AND
ATTACK US! LOOK AT THESE OLD
SCHOOL PLANS FROM ROBO-
TROPOLIS!



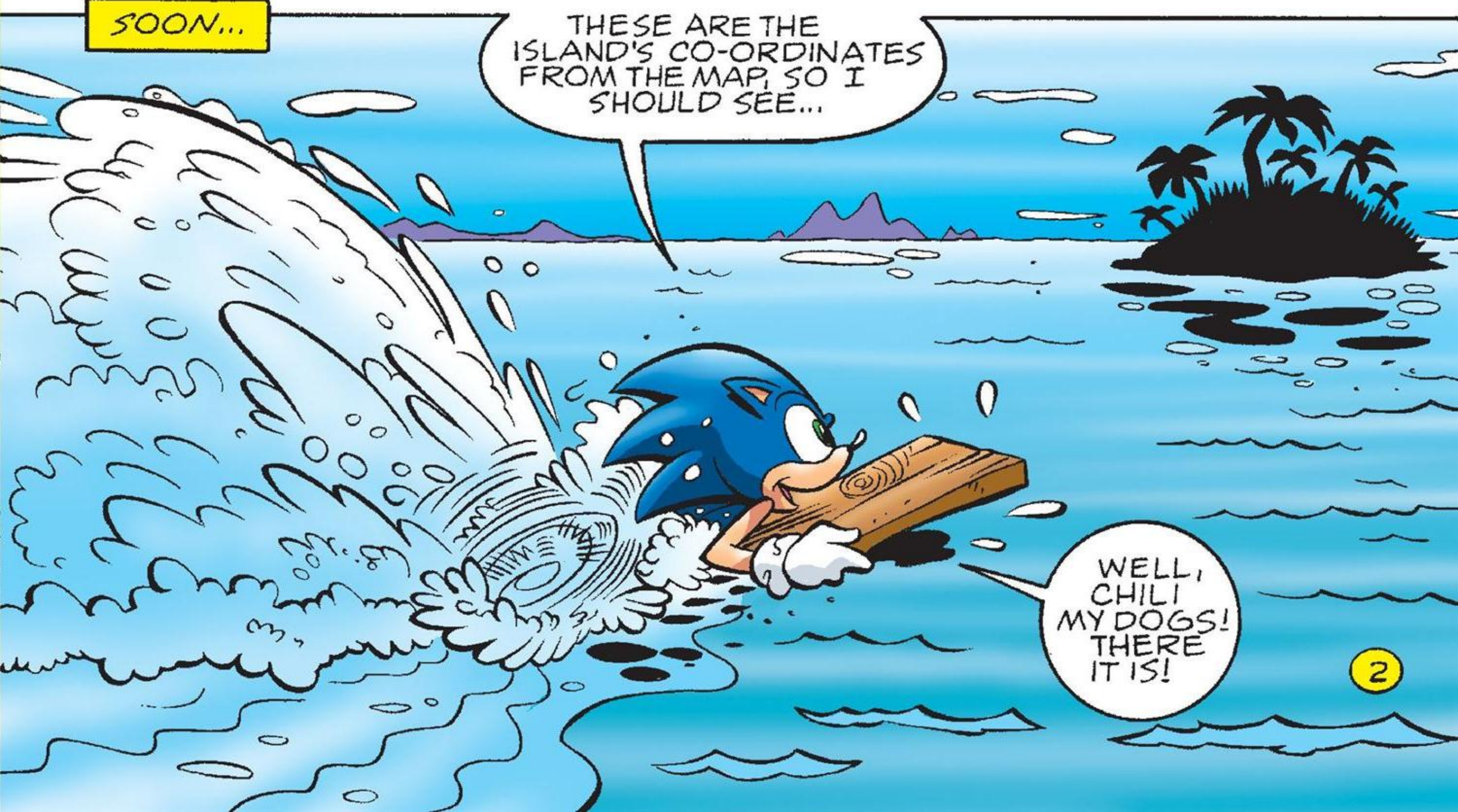
AMAZING! ROBOTNIK HAD
A HIDDEN OFFSHORE ISLAND
WHERE HE SET UP A HOMING
DEVICE FOR HIS BADNIKS. IF THEY
WERE DEFEATED IN BATTLE
WITH US, THEY WERE PRE-
PROGRAMMED TO JOURNEY
THERE TO BE REPAIRED
AND/OR RETIRED!

GEE, I
WONDER IF
THIS ISLAND
STILL EXISTS?



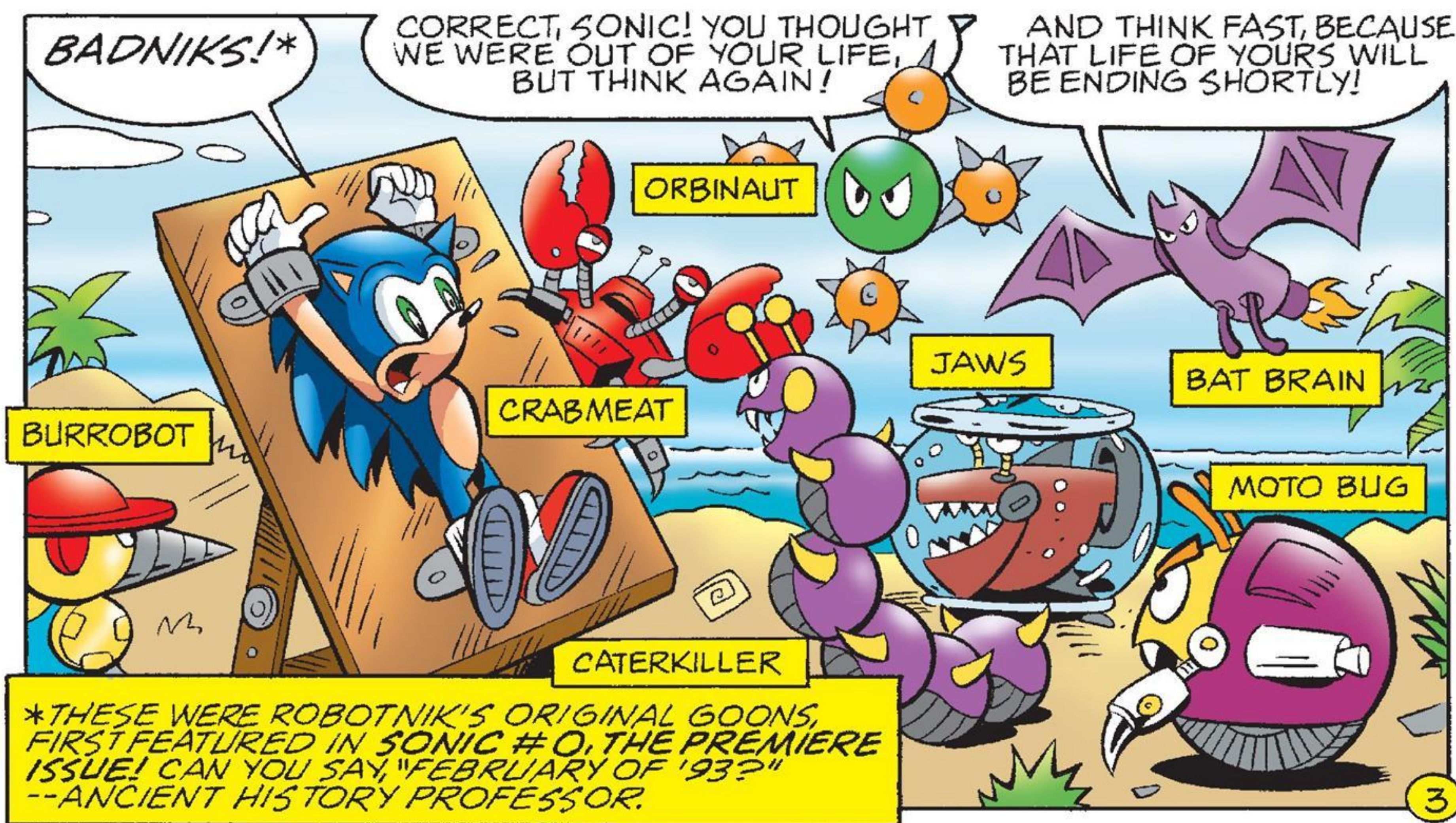
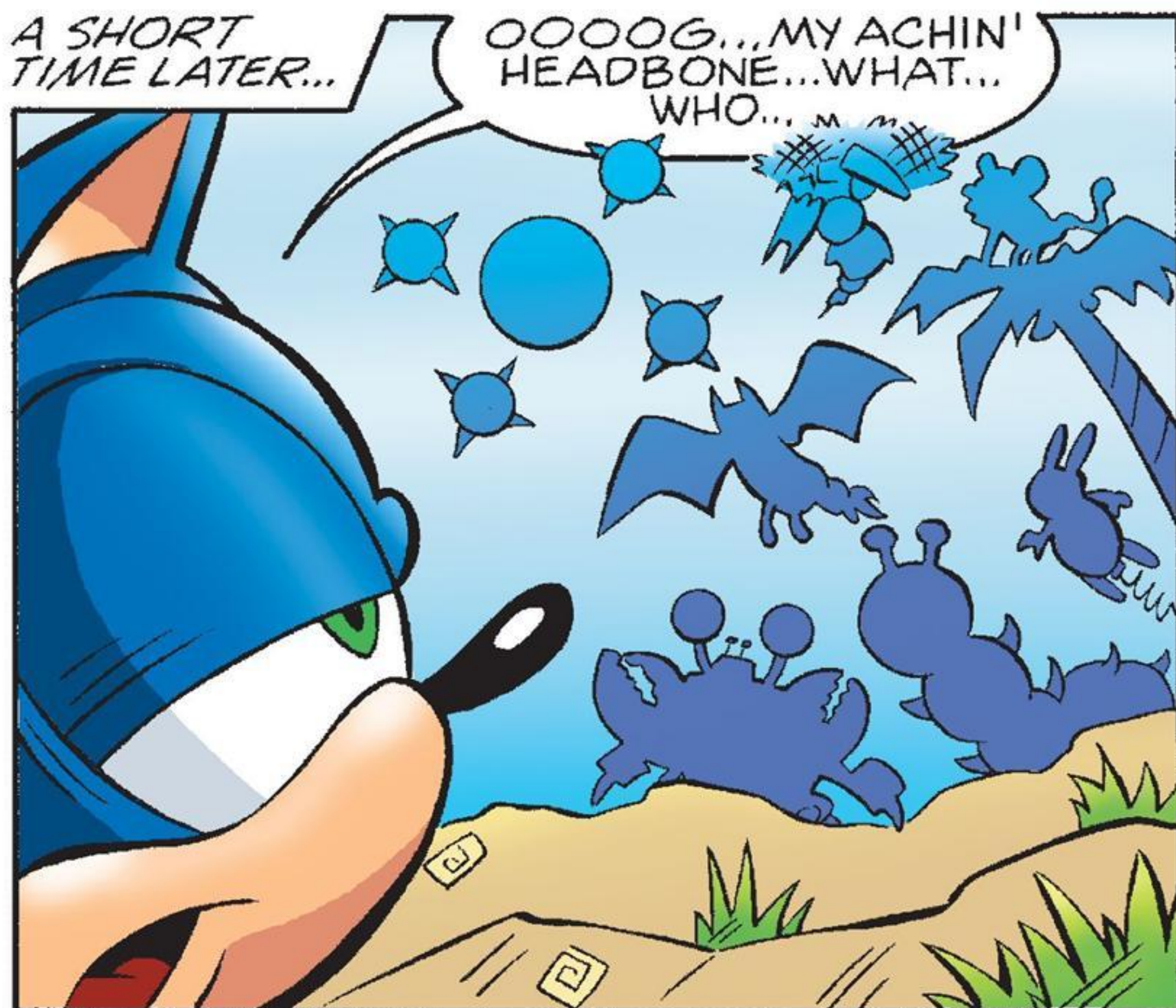
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
I'M CHANGING PLANS FOR MY DAY
OFF AND HITTING THE BEACH
INSTEAD!

SOON...

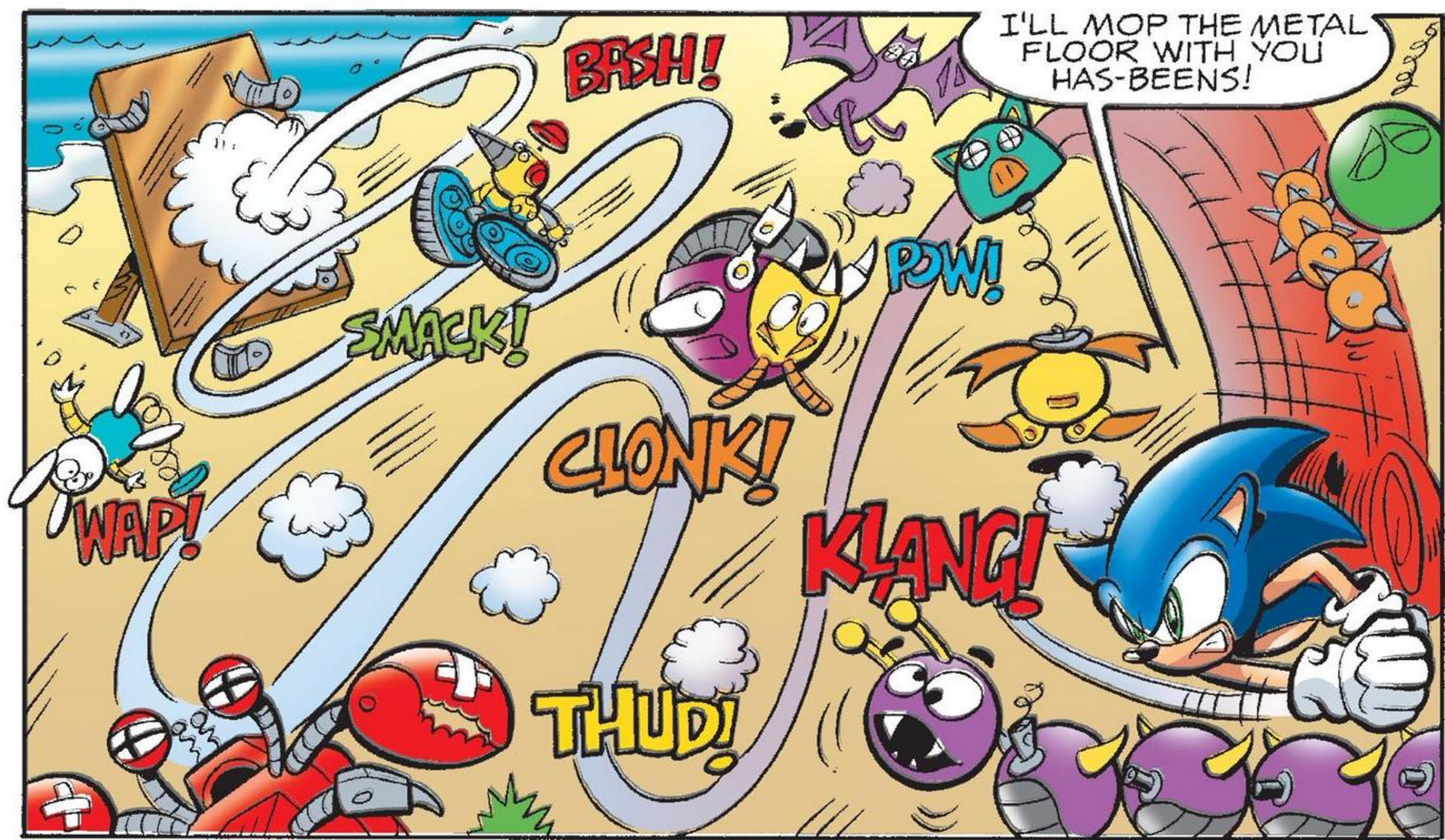
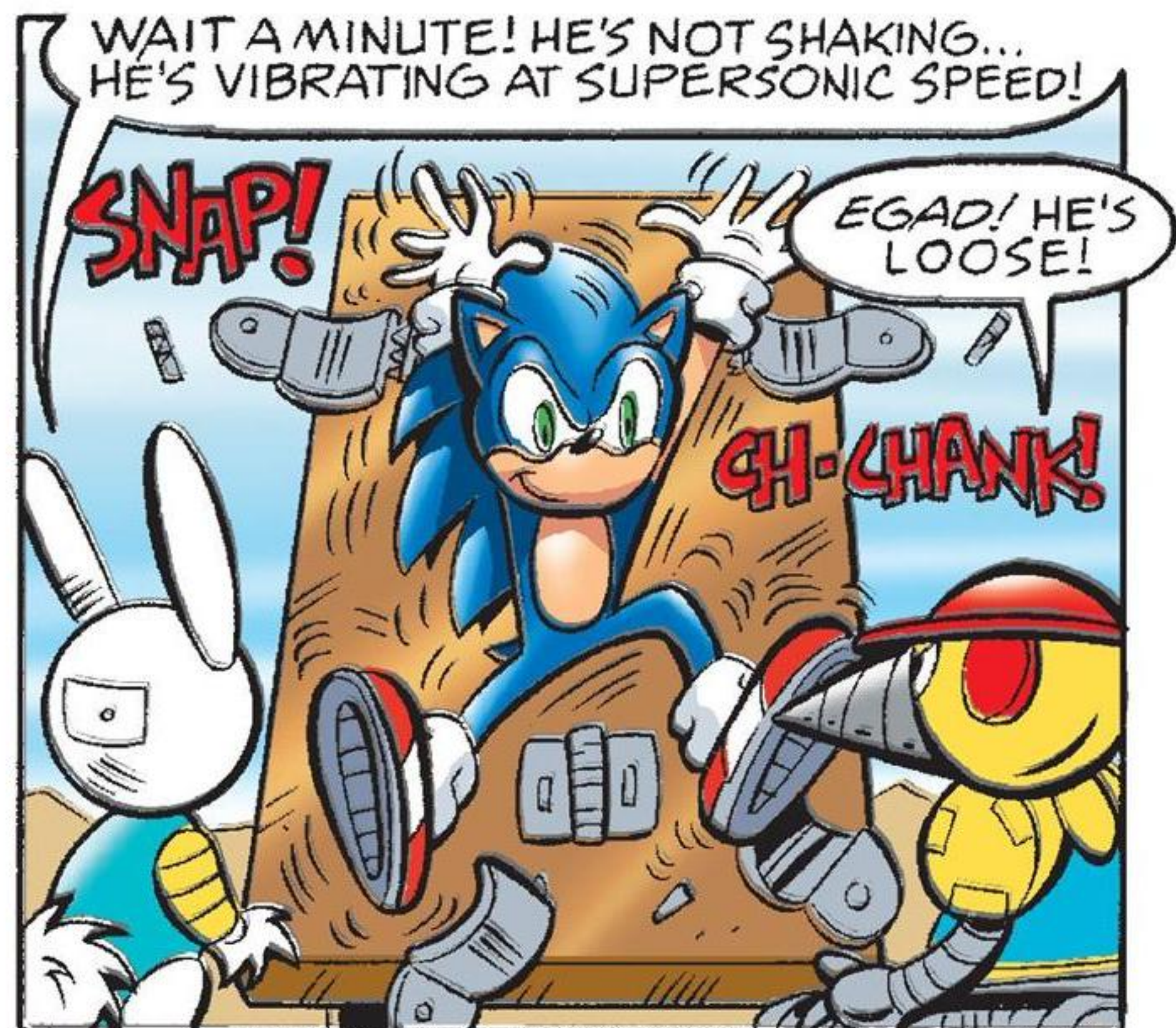
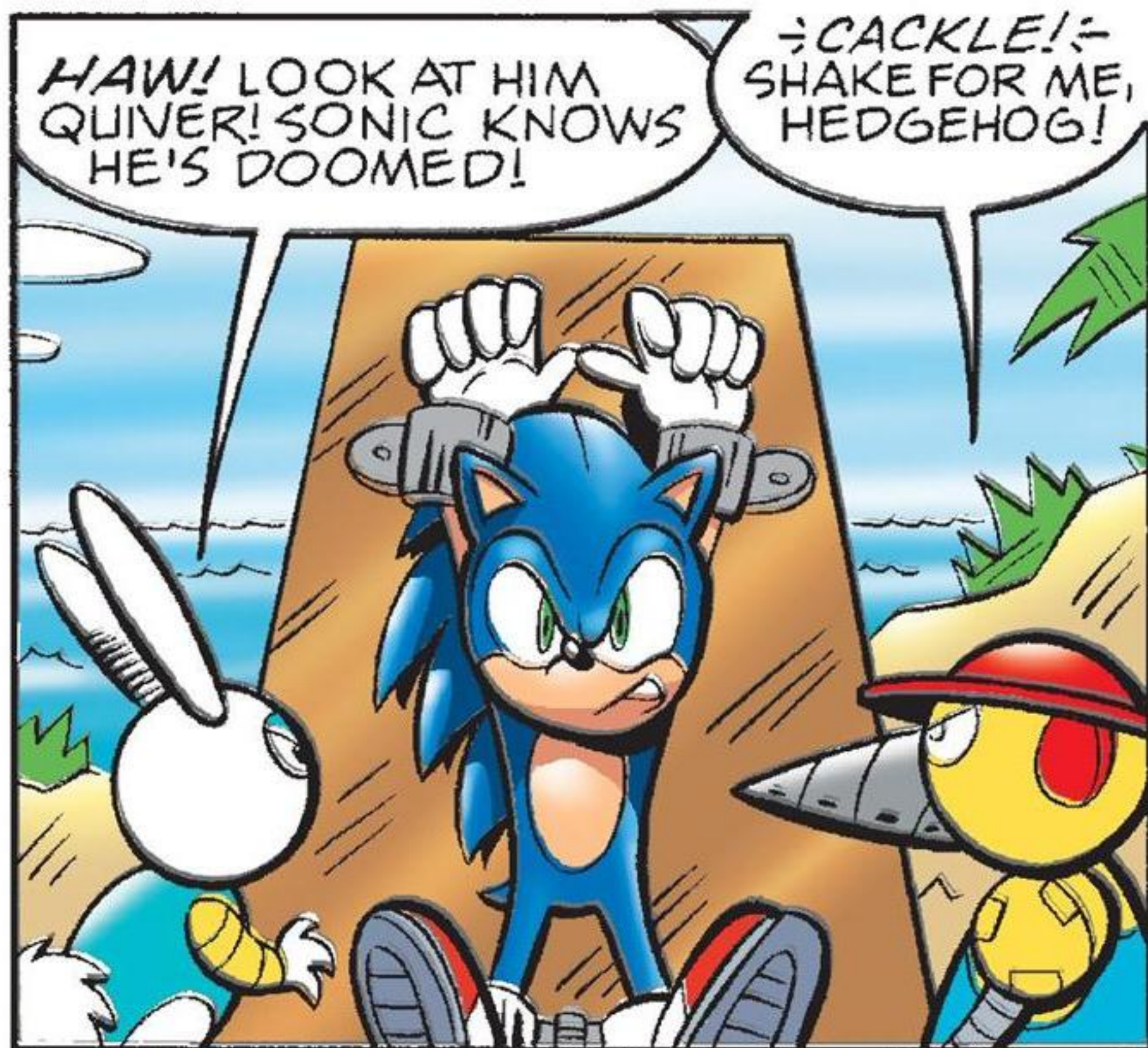


THESE ARE THE
ISLAND'S CO-ORDINATES
FROM THE MAP, SO I
SHOULD SEE...

WELL,
CHILI
MY DOGS!
THERE
IT IS!



*THESE WERE ROBOTNIK'S ORIGINAL GOONS, FIRST FEATURED IN SONIC #0, THE PREMIERE ISSUE! CAN YOU SAY, "FEBRUARY OF '93?" --ANCIENT HISTORY PROFESSOR.





YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME BECAUSE WE NEVER ACTUALLY MET! BUT IN MY DAY, I WAS THE ULTIMATE CREATION OF IVO ROBOTNIK...THE FIRST MECHANIZED VERSION OF YOU!

"BACK THEN, ROBOTNIK WAS OBSESSED WITH DISCOVERING THE LOCATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' SECRET HIDE-OUT. I SNUCK INTO KNOT-HOLE, HOPING TO CONFRONT YOU!

"UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WERE ABSENT...DISABLED WITH A BAD DOSE OF POISON SUMAC!

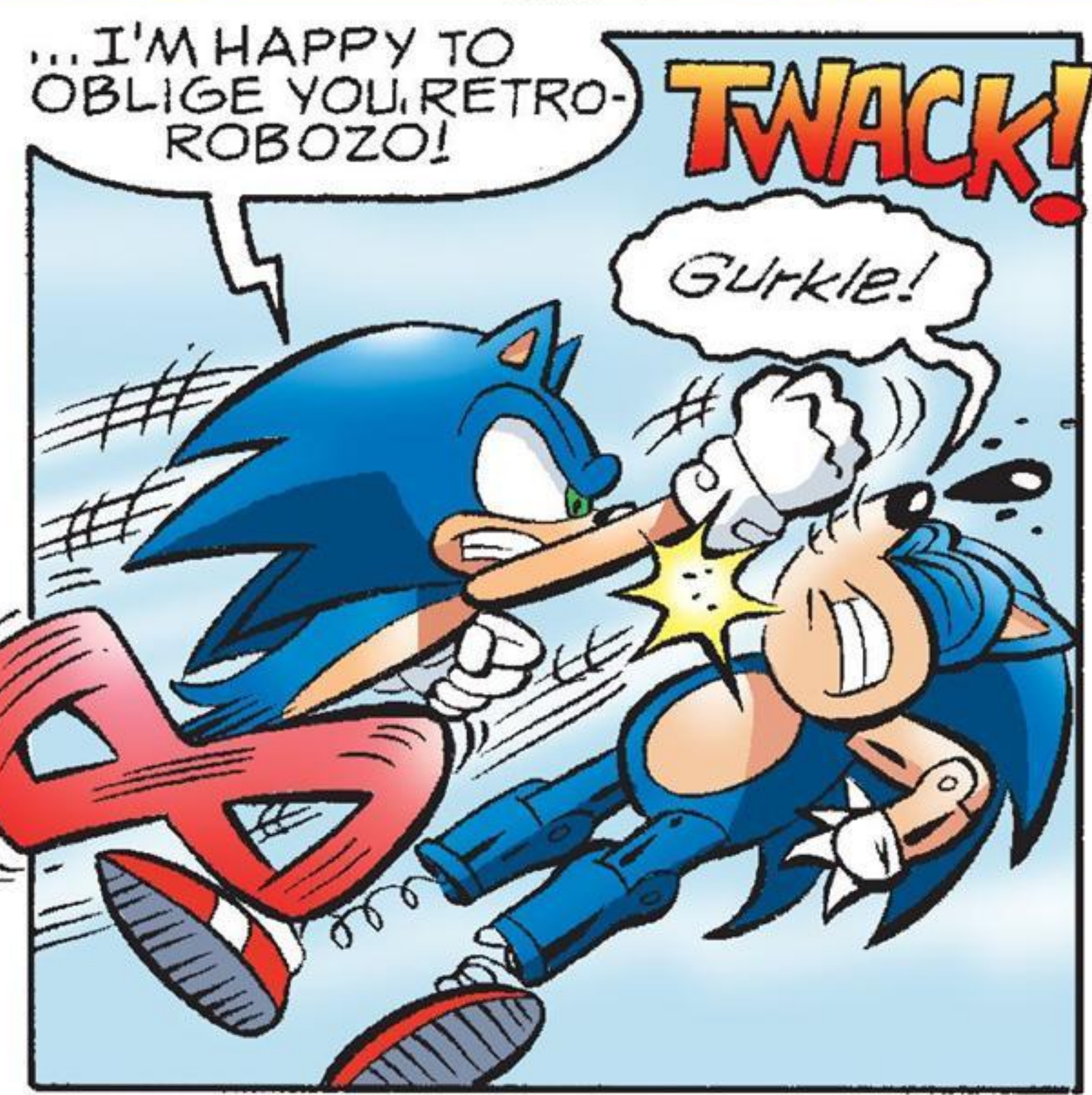


"YOUR APPRENTICE TAILS DISABLED AND DISASSEMBLED ME BY CREATING A FIELD OF STATIC ELECTRICITY. SADLY, I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH YOU!"*



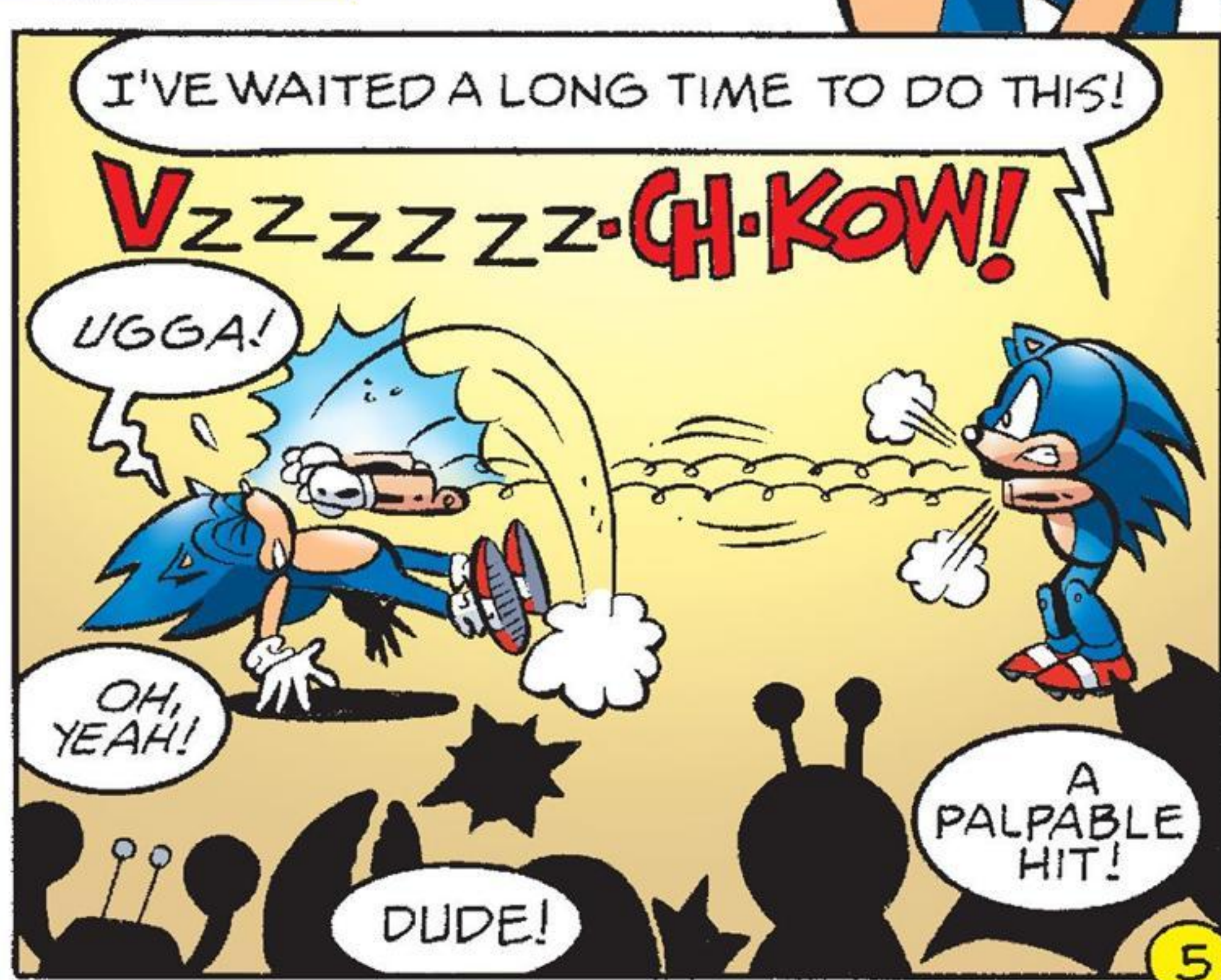
WELL, IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT...

*A BRIEF RECAP OF THE EVENTS IN STH # 9... A MUST-HAVE FOR TRUE BLUE BLUR FANS! --PELLEDORITO!



...I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE YOU, RETRO-ROBOZO!

Gurkle!



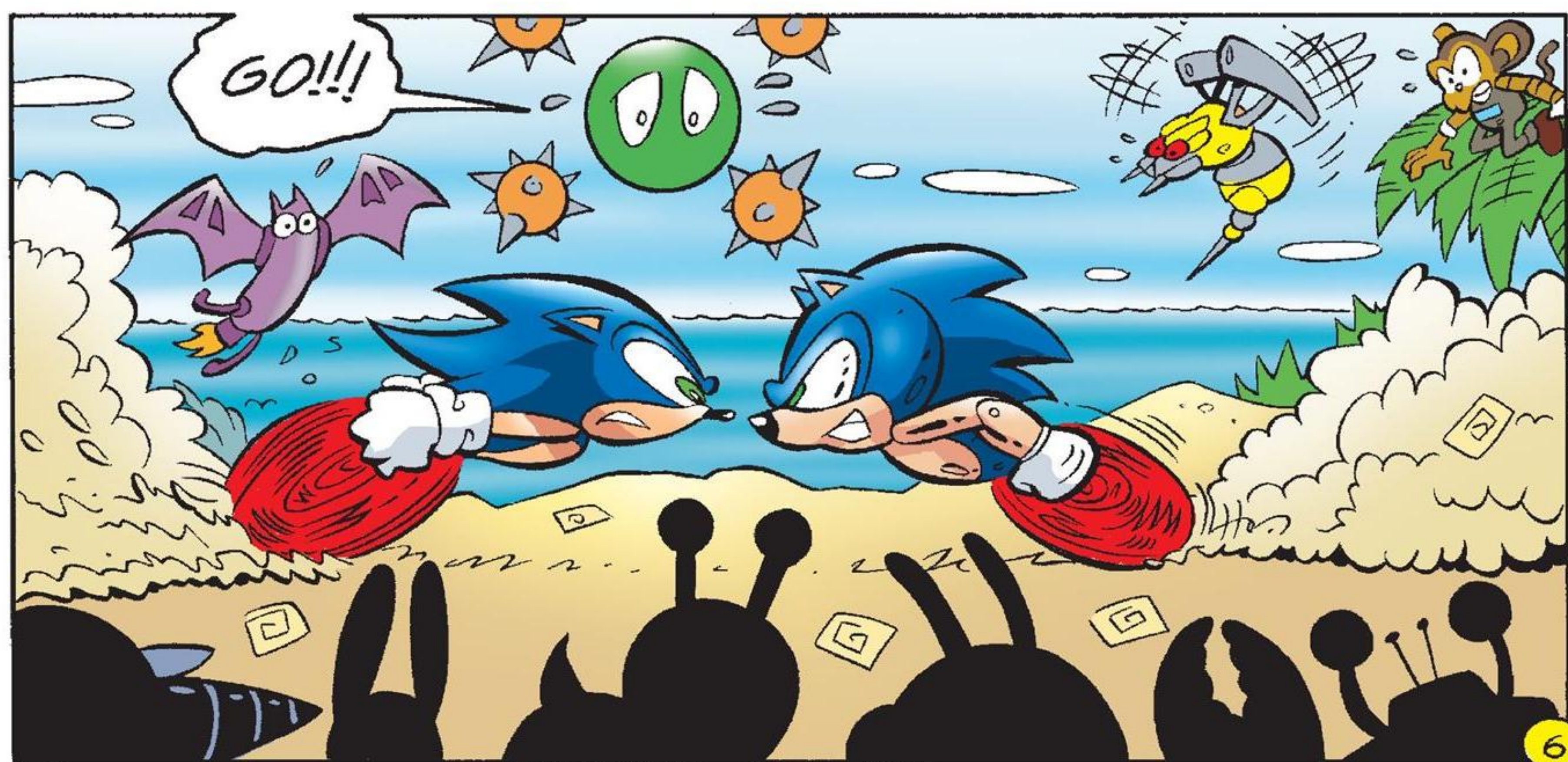
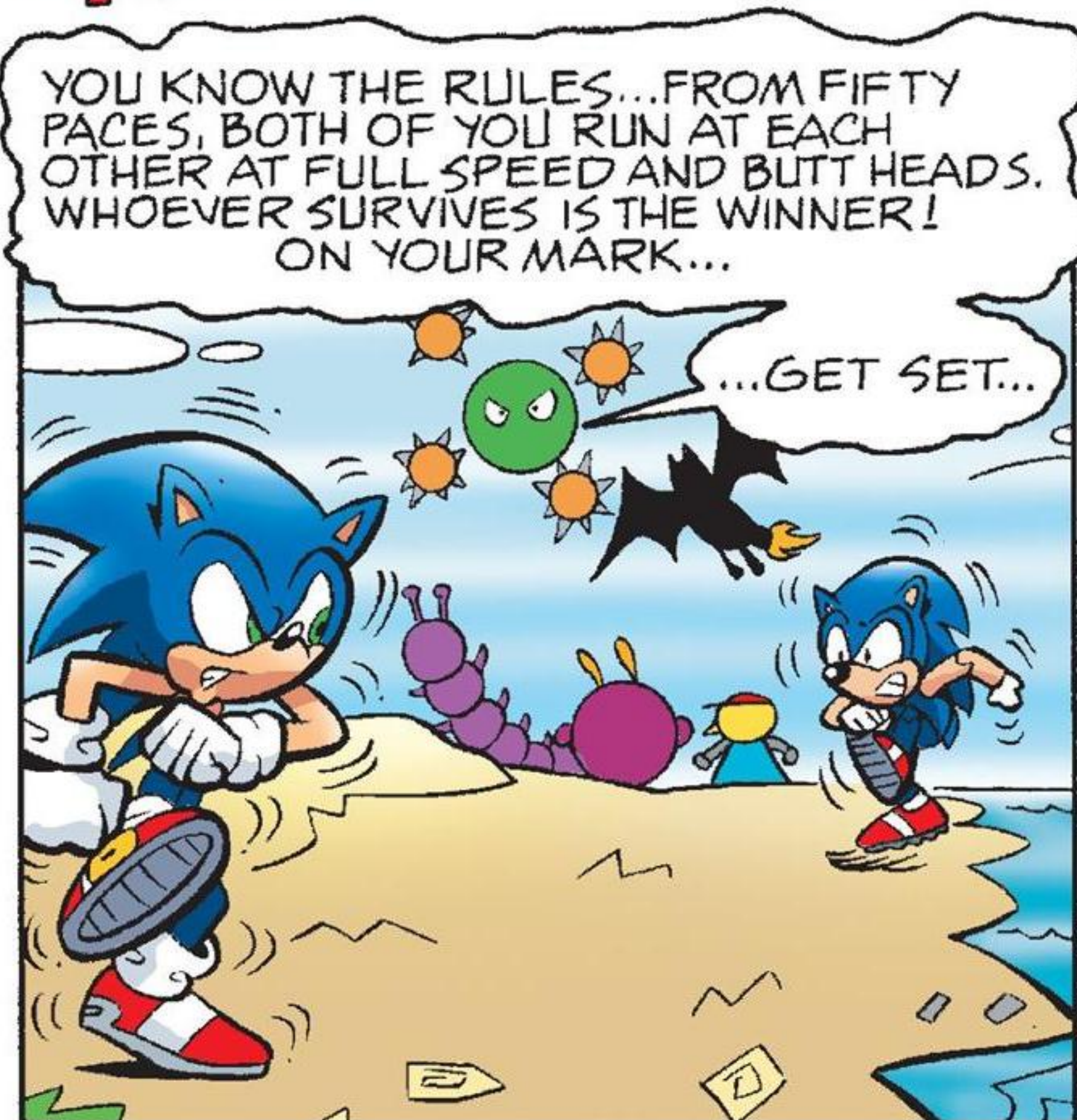
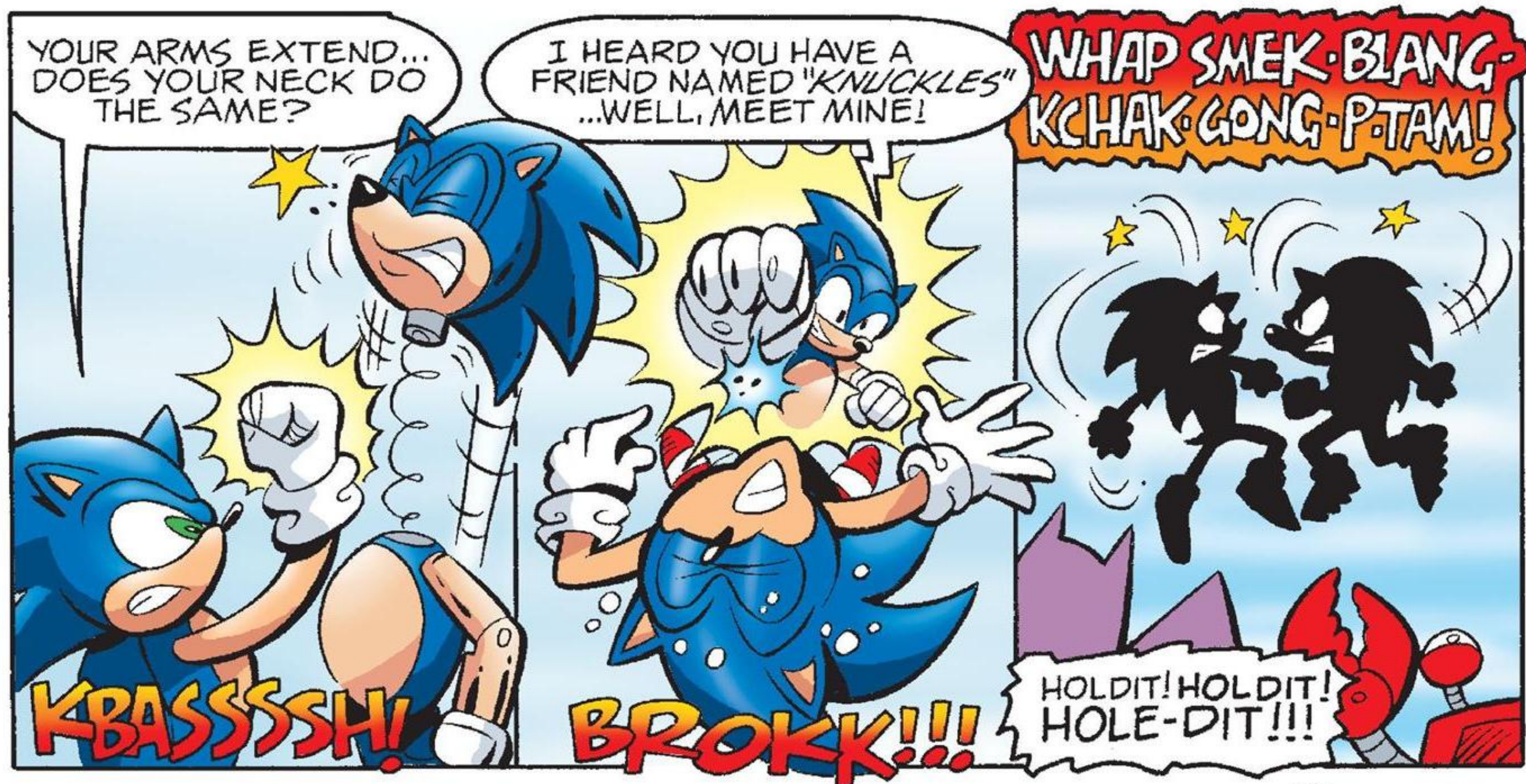
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DO THIS!

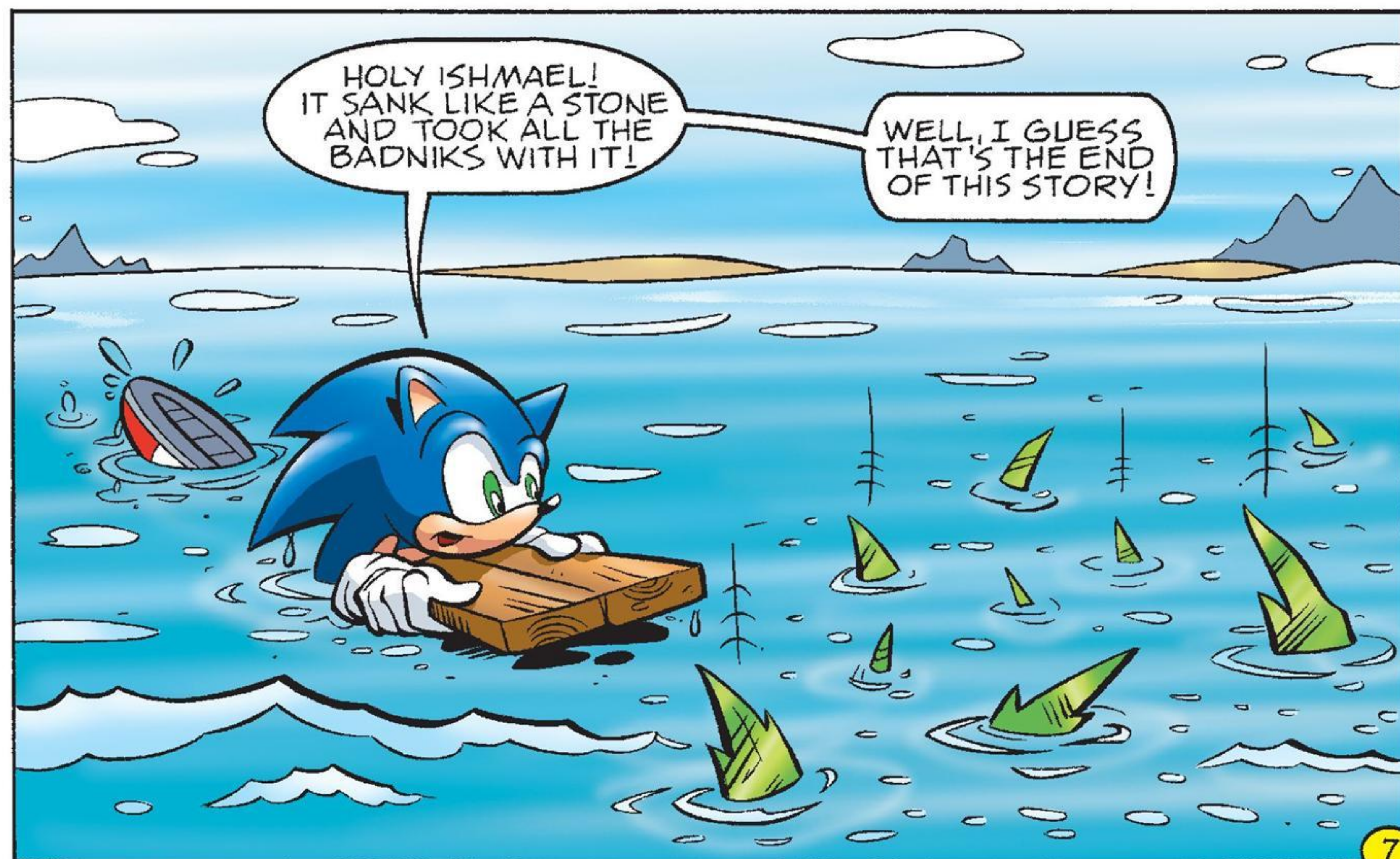
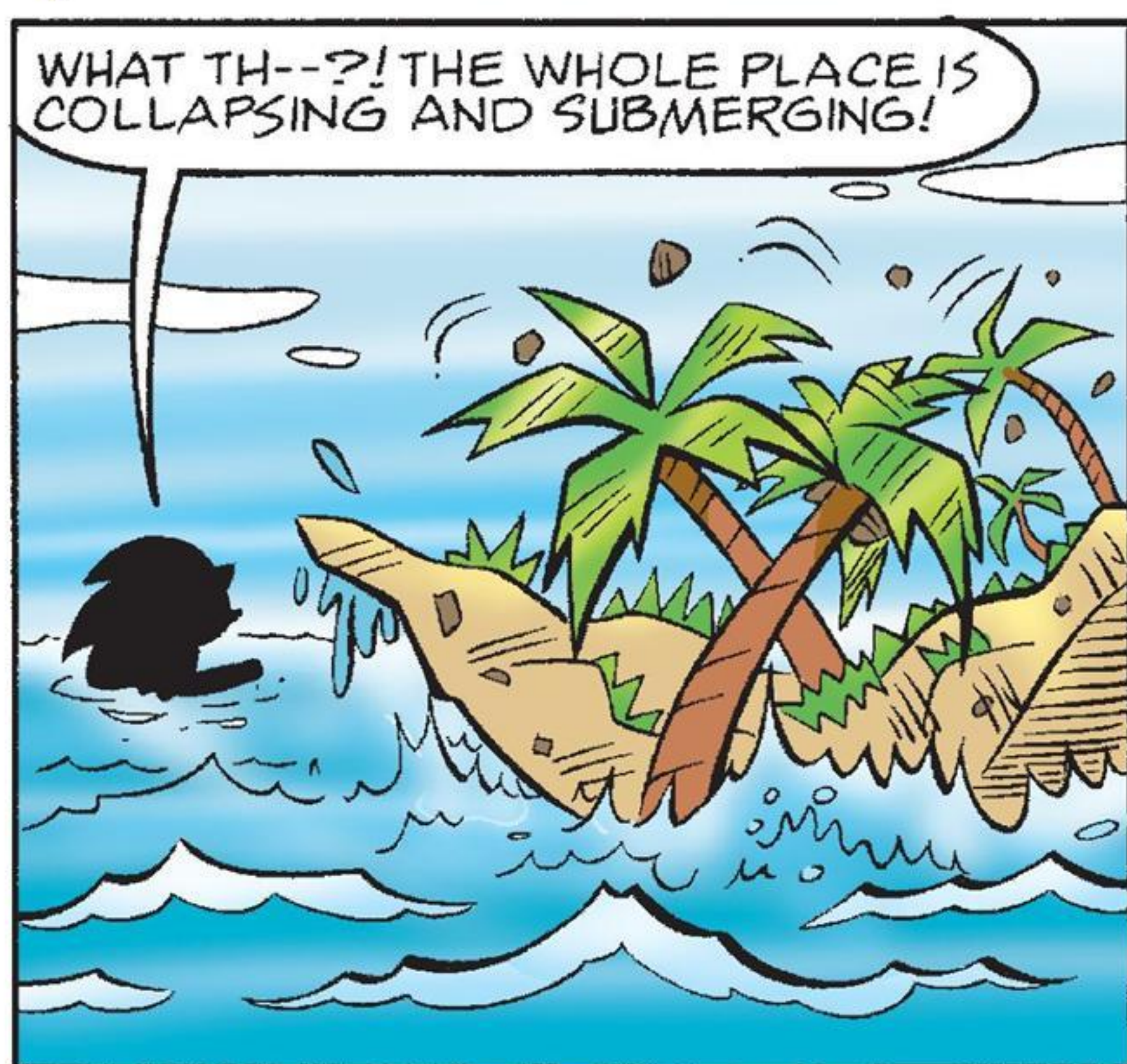
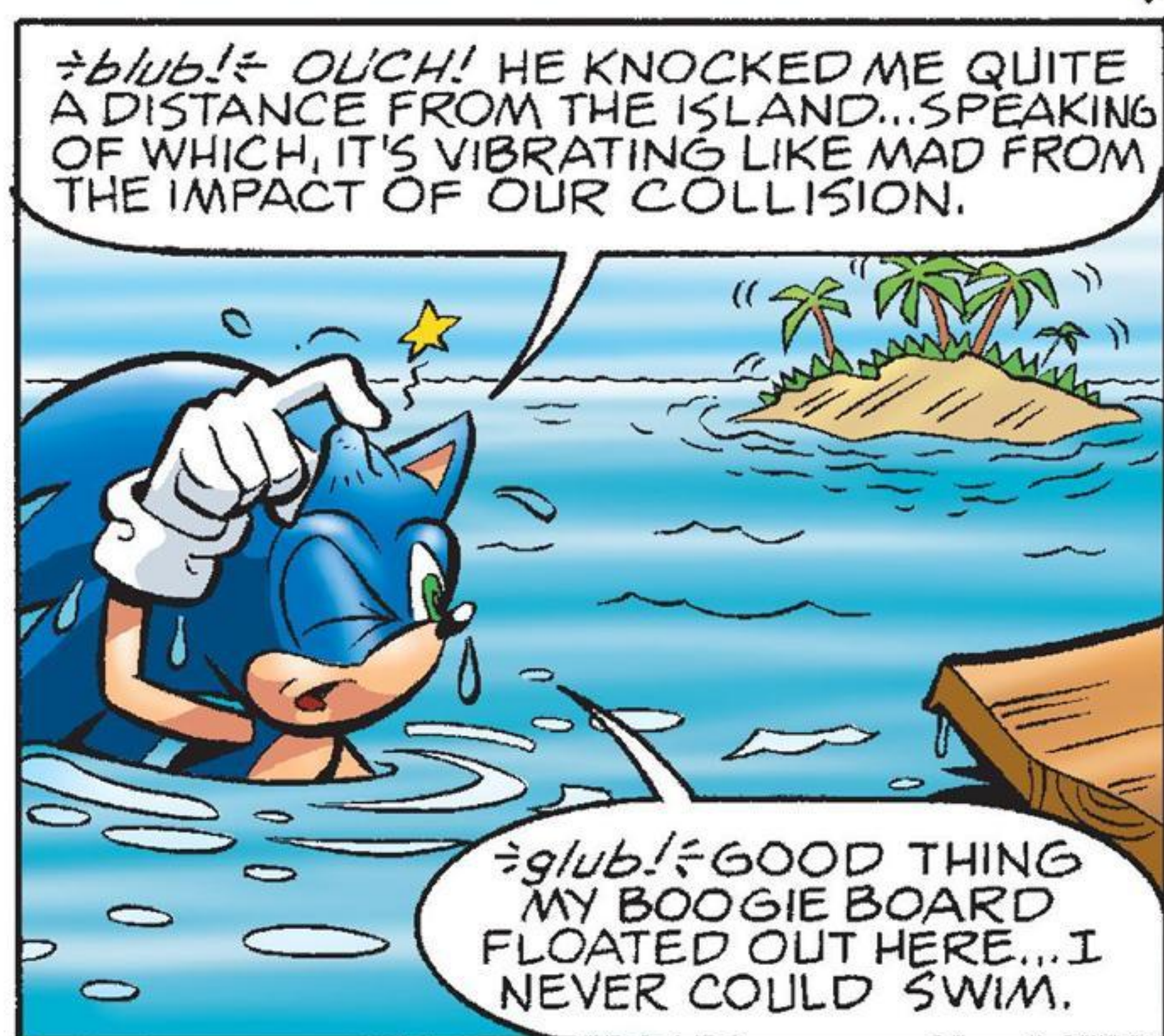
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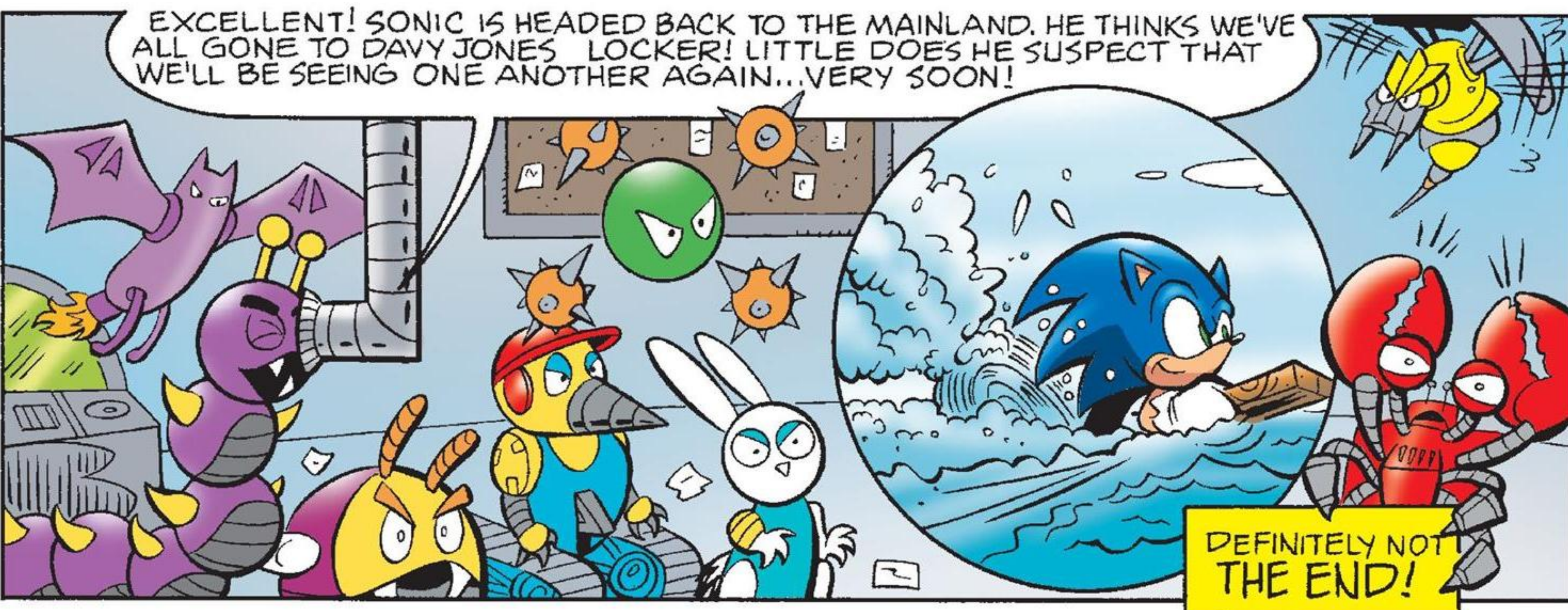
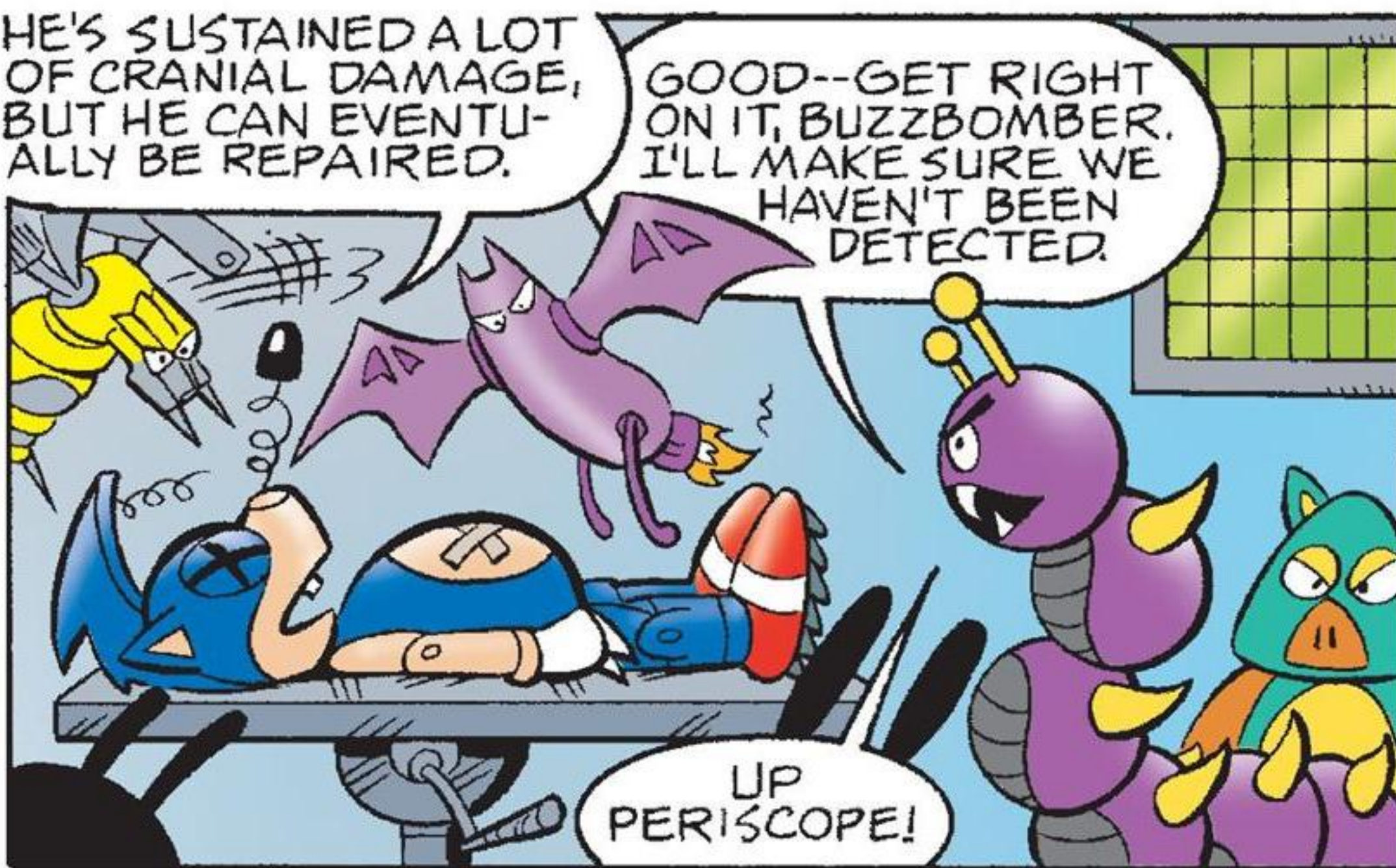
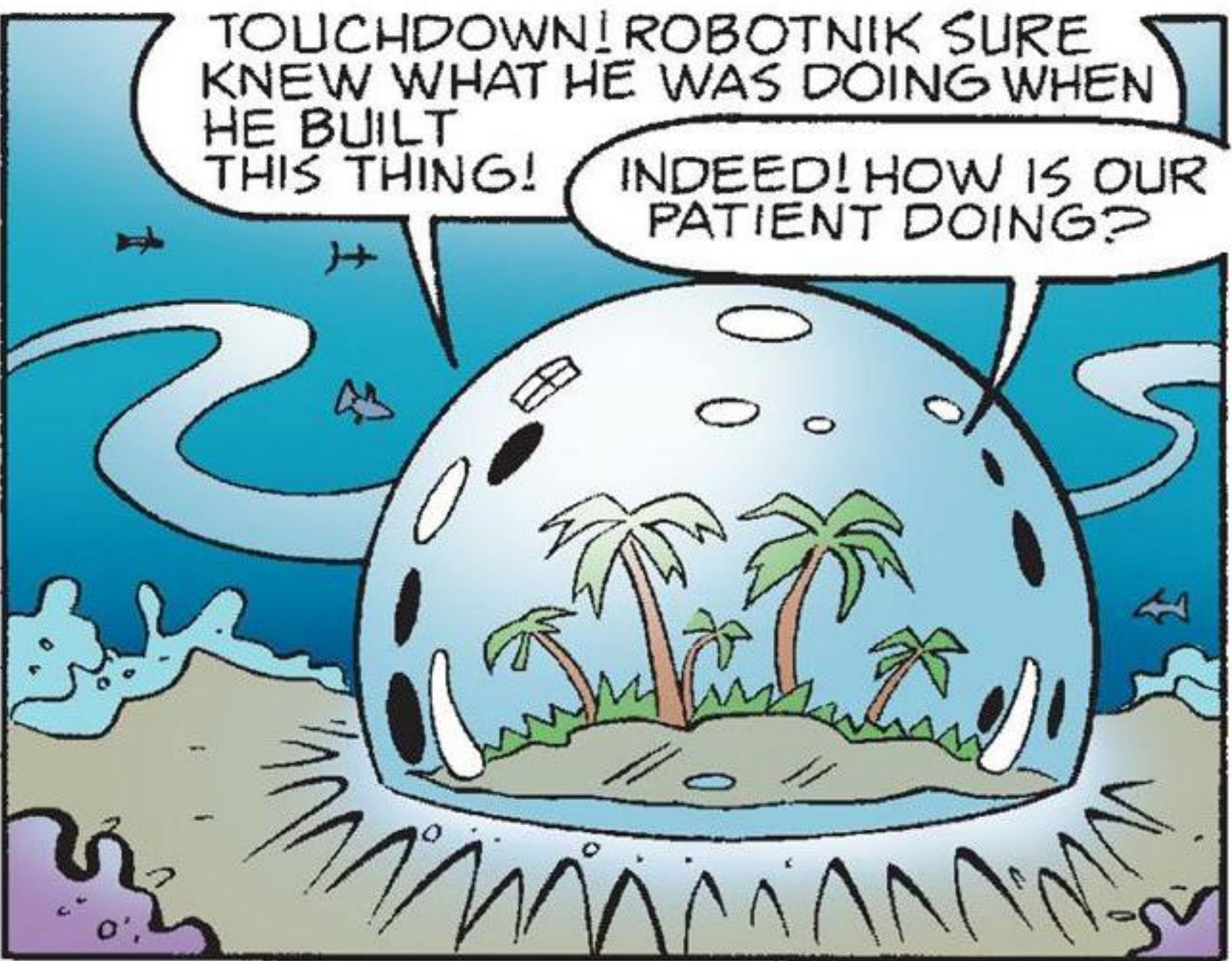
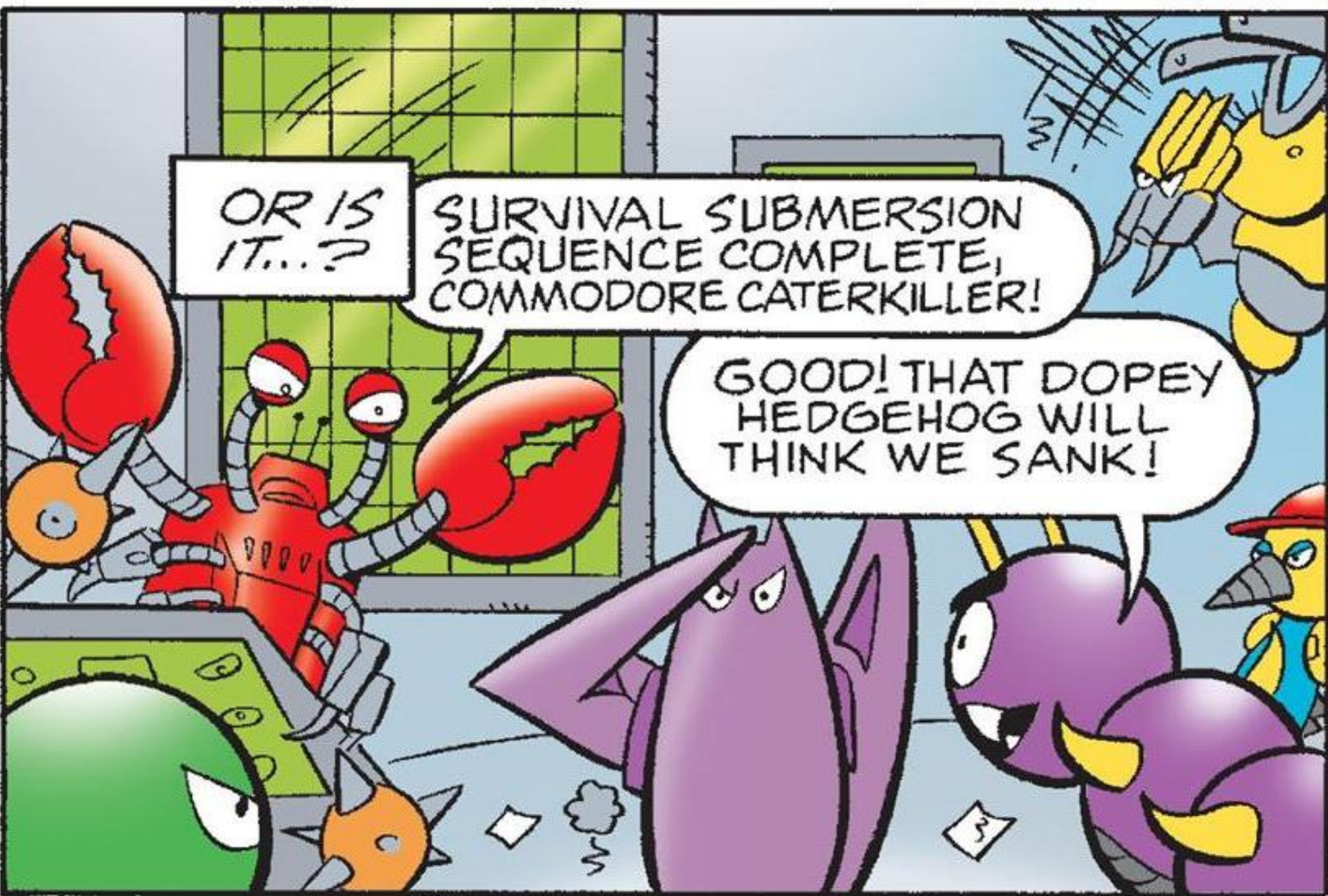
OH, YEAH!

DUDE!

A PALPABLE HIT!







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